

MCC/PASR
April 3 Luncheon Meeting Minutes
Silent Auction

As members arrived, they placed their Silent Auction items on the tables, purchased tickets and began placing tickets in the bags representing the items of their choices.

President Jake Wagner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Following the invocation by Jeanette Dunk, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of “God Bless America”, the meal was served. Members continued placing tickets in bags as they finished the meal.

President Jake called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting had been emailed and copies were placed on the tables. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Dottie Peiffer with a second by Walt Malcolm. The motion passed.

Ways-n-Means Co-Chairs Bev Berich and Gloria Richards reported that \$403 were raised in ticket sales from the Silent Auction. This money will be added to the Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Harshbarger’s Fundraiser will be April 22. Coupons for the day were placed at each place setting.

Treasurer Linda Will reported that the 3 year Honesty Bond was renewed at a cost of \$345 and the rent for Birch Hill for the remainder of this school year was paid, leaving a balance of \$2969.59 in the checking account. She asked that members inform her of the passing of any chapter members so that she can send a memorial to the State Headquarters.

Education Support Chair Jennie McCardle reported that the 2025 Scholarship Awardees will soon be chosen by the MCHS counselors. She will then be given their information to be used at the May meeting for the presentation of the awards. Records show that all of the past awardees have achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA during their first terms.

Past-President Dottie Peiffer reported that the chapter is looking for a volunteer to take the President- Elect (Vice-President) position for the next term.

Community Service Chair Helen Rager reported that she needs to have everyone’s volunteer hours turned in by June 15. Members can bring them to the next meeting or email or send them to her by the deadline.

Pre-retirement Chair Helen Rager reported that she and Jake will be constructing the Chapter tri-fold that will be sent to the new retirees. They asked that members share any photos or info that they would offer for the tri-fold.

Program Chair Joan Loewen shared the programs through the end of the calendar year:

May – presentation of the Scholarship and Lauretta Woodson Awards

Sept. – indoor picnic at Birch Hill and BINGO presented by the Independent Home

Health Group, John J. Dillon Award presentation
Oct. – “Spooky Stories of Mifflin County” presented by Forest Fisher,
Nov. – Scholarship Bazaar, Volunteer of the Year Award, Election of Chapter Officers
Dec. – MCHS Cantare, Installation of New Officers

Since Joan Loewen will become the new President, the chapter is looking for a volunteer to take over the Program Chair position. Willing members should contact Dottie Peiffer.

Currently, the MCSD Homeless Pantry has well-stocked shelves. They are in need of monetary and Giant and Wal-Mart gift card donations.

RECREO Co-Chair Karen Galbraith reported that there are still seats left for the December trip to the American Music Theatre. As Membership Chair, she is accepting both local and state dues. As Web-site Co-Chair, she reported that the chapter has a new Web address:

Bridget Allen has accepted the position of Public Relations Chair. The Chapter thanks her for her willingness to serve.

Reservations Co-Chair Dave McCachren reported that because of problems with the email provider, the reservation email continues to need to be sent out multiple times. If members don't receive an email, they should call in their reservations.

Educational Foundations Val DeVecchis reported that all is ready for the presentation of the Lauretta Woodson Award in May to the MCJHS.

SSMHF Co-Chair Judy Bryant asked that members inform her of anyone needing a card. She will then send the appropriate one.

President Jake was featured in an article in the PASR Spring Times. Way-to-go Mr. President!

The Region 5 Spring Meeting will be held April 30 at the Hoss's restaurant in Altoona. Refreshments are at 9:30 and the meeting begins at 10:00. Lunch will be from the menu at the attendee's expense. All chapter members are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 1, 2025 at the Birch Hill Event Center at noon.

President Jake adjourned the business meeting at 1:27 pm after which the Silent Auction ticket winners were drawn.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Debbie Filson, Recording Secretary