

Going outside the county borders, Penn State Greater Allegheny in McKeesport was the host site of the late winter 2011 meeting of the Westmoreland School Counselor Association. The day was sponsored by PSU – Greater Allegheny, Fayette, and New Kensington as well as Lou Anne Caligiuri and The United Way.

With a slideshow backdrop of WSCA members at the most recent PSCA conference, the meeting opened with an overview of Quest 2011. Matt Zidek spoke about the summer day-camp to be held at the Univ. of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

Sarah Dunkard's nomination as an associate member was approved. Sarah is an admissions representative at Education and Technology Institute (ETI).

The minutes and budget report both passed as presented.

Following discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to transfer \$1,500.00 from the College Fair account to be used for scholarships. The number of scholarships awarded will remain at three (3) at a value of \$750.00 each.

Corresponding Secretary Cassie Moorhead submitted information regarding the membership. It was reported that the membership database is now updated according to dues paid. If one's annual membership is not paid in full, emails and updates will not be sent.

Association President Sarah Switala and Vice-President Lisa Maloney thanked the membership who participated in the e-vote pertaining to the purchase of ASCA training manuals.

Sarah informed those in attendance that the Western Regional Conference will not be taking place as originally planned. PSCA has decided to hold their annual conference also in the fall 2011. A meeting of the WPSCA local planning committee will be scheduled in the near future to discuss alternative plans.

Karen Freed of Jeannette was the recipient of the PSCA scholarship. Karen was chosen in a random drawing. There was discussion on when, how and who to choose for the November 2011 meeting of the PSCA. A recipient will be chosen at the May 2011 meeting.

Election of officers will take place in May. The positions of President, Corresponding Secretary, and Unit Representative are all open for nominations. Current Uni-Serv Representative Bonnie Kline is willing to serve again and is looking for a "shadow" for this three year position. Bonnie made it clear that she may not fulfill the full three year term, thus the offer to groom a successor.

The next meeting of the Association will be May 13, 2011 at DeNunzio's Chop House at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe. The executive board will meet immediately following the May meeting.

Prior to the mid-afternoon meeting, representatives from Penn State Greater Allegheny, Fayette, and New Kensington began the day with power point presentations about their respective campuses.

Afterwards, ASCA National Trainer Mark Kuranz and educational consultant Mike Thompson presented an outline to the national ASCA model.