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PASSAIC VALLEY CHAPTER
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Monthly Minutes November 11, 2020 ~ 2nd Wednesday

Date November 11, 2020
Place Virtual Zoom
Prayer James Minnella, Chapter Sgt.At-Arms
Flag Salute James Minnella, Chapter Sgt.At-Arms
Dinner n/a
Meeting 7:00 pm

Members & Guests in Attendance

Members for dinner n/a (virtual zoom meeting)
Members at meeting 25
Guests at meeting 0
Total 25
Percentage (of 54 members) 46%

Executive Board

<u>Attendance at meetings</u>	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21
President: Eileen Wood	😊	😊	😊							
1 st VP: Pat Ligouri	😊	😊	😊							
2 nd VP: Dominick Bucci	😊	😊	😊							
Secretary: Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊							
Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊							
Sgt.At-Arms: Jim Minnella	😊	😊	😊							

Delegates at meetings

1. Jean Chomko	😊	😊	😊
2. Joyce O'Hara	😊	😊	😊
3. Need one more	x	x	x

Board of Directors at meetings (6 past Chapter Presidents)

Carmen Gaita	😊	😊	😊
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊
Bob Appaluccio	😊	x	😊
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊
Carmen Criscione	😊	😊	😊



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Past Chapter Presidents in attendance at meetings

	9/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	1/21	2/21	3/21	4/21	5/21	6/21
Joe Agresti PNP	x	x	😊							
Bob Appaluccio	😊	x	😊							
John Barbieri	😊	😊	😊							
Sal Benvenuti	😊	😊	😊							
Carmen Criscione	😊	😊	😊							
John Morano	😊	😊	😊							
Steve Pelonero	😊	😊	😊							
Bruce Ponchak	😊	😊	😊							
Chuck Russo	😊	😊	😊							
Angelo Verrone	x	😊	😊							

Opening Remarks

- **President Eileen Wood:**
 - Eileen welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this Zoom meeting. Eileen regretted that we could not meet in person but that we must do what is good for everyone
- **1st VP Pat Ligouri:**
 - Pat welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving
- **2nd VP Dominick Bucci:**
 - Welcomed everyone and noted that he attended the in-person NJ District IV Meeting, hosted by Cedar Grove. Dominick talked up our chapter agenda

Secretary Minutes

Secretary: Steve Pelonero

- Steve reported that the minutes were emailed to all chapter members as well as being on our chapter website
- Motion to accept
 - 1st Bruce Ponchak
 - 2nd Pat Ligouri
 All were in favor



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Treasurer Report

Treasurer: Bruce Ponchak

Bruce reported that the minutes were emailed to all chapter members

- Motion to accept
1st Joe Barone
2nd Steve Pelonero
All were in favor

Chapter Budget

- No report

Bills and Communications

- Eileen Wood reported that we received two thank yous from UNICO National. One was for our \$1,000 donation to the Foundations Cancer Research Program. The other was for our \$200 donation to be a sponsor/supported for the 2022 Calendar
- Sal Benvenuti reported that he received a thank you from the Little Falls Methodist Church for our Food Pantry Drive donation

Fundraising Committees

- **Holiday Cheer: Bob Appaluccio**
 - Eileen Wood reported that the Christmas Cheer Committee is now asking for donations to this fund. In Addition to the \$1,000 that is budgeted we would like to be able to give to more families this holiday season. If you are able to make a donation please send the check make out to "Passaic Valley UNICO", in any amount, to our chapter treasurer Bruce Ponchak at 81 Passaic Avenue, Woodland Park NJ 07424
 - Carmen Criscione that his wife already has 2 families in her school system that are worthy recipients. Roni Corrado noted that Dominick Bucci's church has a possible recipient. Sal Benvenuti's church also has a recipient.
 - It was noted that last year we had 5 recipients. The committee is hoping to do the same again this year
- **Food Pantry: Roni Corrado**
 - Roni said hello to everyone and noted that it was unfortunate that we could not get together on a day to day basis. She reported that with our no dinner donations by chapter members, we were able to give Holy Angels Food Pantry and also St. Agnes Church Food Pantry each \$175 in ShopRite gift cards



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- Henry Youngster suggested that we should be doing the no-dinner donations after every Zoom meeting to support our Food Pantries
- **Overseas Soldier Program: Roni Corrado**
 - No report
- **Golf Outing: Joe Barone**
 - Joe reported that our Annual Outing is booked at Passaic Country Golf Course for the 2nd Monday of June. The committee will be meeting to discuss pricing, etc
- **Community Service Day: Chuck Russo**
 - No report

Non-Fundraising Committees

- **Scholarship: Joe Agresti PNP and Carmen Gaita**
 - Carmen Gaita reported that we have \$3,500 budgeted for 2021. That would give us two high school graduates, one college study abroad, and two Brian Piccolo. Carmen asked that we currently have two members with grandchildren who might be eligible. If anyone has a graduating relative, please contact Carmen Gaita
 - Carmen also thanked the members who volunteered to be on the scholarship committee
- **Italian Heritage: Angelo Verrone**
 - No report
- **Italian Studies: Joe Agresti PNP**
 - Joe reported that he has been in contact with the new Coccia Institute developer
- **Good and Welfare: Sal Nocella**
 - No report
- **Membership: John Barbieri**
 - John's reported that we are at 54 members. Three birthdays this month: Gerry Gaeta, John Barbieri, Sal Benvenuti. Our chapter average age is 70



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- **Newsletter & Website: Steve Pelonero**

- Steve reported that all was up to date on both the website and newsletter
- Our website is at 86,012 visits
- John Barbieri noted the sign in member section of the chapter website is due to be paid. He asked if our chapter wanted to continue paying approximately \$400 a year to support it
- Steve Pelonero suggested to Eileen Wood that she send out an email to the Executive Board and Board of Directors for their input to help make a decision
- Eileen said that she used the members section to get phone #'s, emails, and addresses
- Steve Pelonero noted that it is in the constitution bylaws that the Secretary needs to keep that information as well. If at any time any member wants contact info, they just need to email Steve to get the emailed Excel Spreadsheet

District and National Events

- **District News**

- Dominick Bucci reported on our NJ District IV Meeting that our Annual Christmas Party for our Special Need Friends might be changed to an event in the summer

- **National News**

- Steve Pelonero reported that National and other chapters are still Zooming most of their meetings unless they are outside and not even in enclosed tents. Steve noted that we are still hoping for a convention in Florida in 2021 but that alternate venues are being looked into just in case it deems necessary to do so
- Joe Agresti added that the Convention Ad Journal is still going to be and that sponsors and ads are always needed to make it profitable and to help subsidize the convention costs

Old Business

- Sal Benvenuti reported that the Chapter shirts came in. Some were already given out. Sal reported that the members who ordered them should call him to make arranged to get theirs. If you ordered shirts call Sal on his cell phone at 973-985-6772



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New Business

- Dominick Bucci reported that on November 28 there will be a Christmas festival in the Dowling Park area. Possibly we could do our Candy Cane give-a-way. Both Sal Benvenuti and Joe Agresti said that we should be avoiding large gatherings and that we hold off doing this for this year

Attendance at the November 11, 2020 Zoom meeting

The photo below represents those who were online at the zoom meeting at the time that the photo was taken at 7:12 pm. More could have been online before or after it was taken ... 25 members in attendance





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Actual attendance at the November 11, 2020 meeting = 25

	First Name	Last Name
1	Joseph	Agresti
1	Robert	Appaluccio
1	John	Barbieri
1	Elaine	Barone
1	Joseph	Barone
1	Joseph	Benvenuti
1	Salvatore	Benvenuti
1	Dominick	Bucci
1	Frank	Capalbo
1	Christina	Castillo
1	Jean	Chomko
1	Patrick	Corrado
1	Roni	Corrado
1	Carmen	Criscione
1	Carmen	Gaita Jr
1	Patrick	Liguori
1	James	Minnella
1	John	Morano
1	Joyce	O'Hara
1	Steven	Pelonero
1	Bruce	Ponchak
1	Chuck	Russo
1	Angelo	Verrone
1	Eileen	Wood
1	Henry	Youngster
25		



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Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn @ 7:51 pm

- 1st Sal Benvenuti
 - 2nd Angelo Verrone
- All were in favor

Respectfully Taken by

Steve Pelonero, Chapter Secretary