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PASSAIC VALLEY CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 341
LITTLE FALLS, NJ 07424

Unity - Neighborliness - Integrity - Charity - Opportunity

June 2018 ~ Monthly Minutes

Date June 21, 2018, Wednesday
Place Hollywood Pizza, Fairfield NJ
Time 7:00 pm
Open Bruce Ponchak
Prayer Dominick Bucci
Flag Salute Dominick Bucci

Guests

Scholarship Recipient, Justin Martin & Guest
Brian Piccolo Recipient, Thomas Marretta, With Coach Joe Benvenuti

<u>Roll Call Executive Board</u>	<u>6/18</u>	<u>9/18</u>	<u>10/18</u>	<u>11/18</u>	<u>12/18</u>	<u>1/19</u>	<u>2/19</u>	<u>3/19</u>	<u>4/19</u>	<u>5/19</u>	<u>6/18</u>
Bruce Ponchak, President	√										
Carmen Gaita, 1 st VP	√										
Eileen Wood, 2 nd VP	√										
Pat Ligouri, Secretary											
Joe McGill, Treasurer	√										
Dominick Bucci, Sgt At Arms	√										

Delegates

Jean Chomko	√
Joyce O'Hara	√
Eileen Wood	√

Board of Directors

John Barbieri	√
Bob Appaluccio	
Steve Pelonero	√
Carmen Criscione	√
Sal Benvenuti	√
Angelo Verrone	√



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Past Chapter Presidents

Joe Agresti √
John Morano √
Chuck Russo √

Opening Remarks

- *President: Bruce Ponchak: Welcomed everyone and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer off. See you in September*
- *1st VP Report: Carmen Gaita: No report*
- *2nd VP Report: Eileen Wood: No report*
- *Secretary Report: Pat Ligouri: Not present, no report*
1st 2nd
- *Treasurer Report: Joe McGill: Reported our ending balance*
1st Steve Pelonero 2nd Eileen Wood

Bills & Communions

- *No bills or communications*

Standing Committees

- *Scholarship: Joe Agresti:*
 - *An Academic Scholarship Presentation was made to PVHS student Justin Martin*
 - *It was noted that our number one scholarship choice refused the grant due to other grant restrictions. The committee then went to the 7th choice and granted it to that person.*
 - *One recipient never acknowledged correspondence and it was voted on to send one last letter stating that July 1st, 2018 is the deadline to receive it*
 - *A motion was made that scholarship monies not collected be used for the dinner. 1st by Carmen Criscione, 2nd by Joe Benvenuti*
- *Brian Piccolo: Chuck Russo:*
 - *The Brian Piccolo Presentation was made to PVHS Student Thomas Marretta; Wrestling/Football*
- *Good & Welfare*
 - *Tony Nappi was hospitalized and is on his way back home to Virginia*
 - *Youth member Dominick Guliani's father had passed, a card was sent*



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Fundraising Committees

- *Community Service: No report*
- *Dine with UNICO: Steven Pelonero reported that Maggie's Town Tavern sent us a check for \$185. Thatcher McGee sent a check for \$350. Both events proceeds were raised for Vision 2020*
- *Food Pantry: Roni Corrado reported that she will be sending grant forms to our local pantries and churches*
- *Golf Outing: Joe Barone: Made approximately \$8,000 with 77 golfers, and 36 sponsors. John Barbieri noted that Certificates of Appreciation will be printed and given to all sponsors. It was also noted that all of the sponsors are on our website and also in every months newsletter*
- *Holiday Donations: Steve Pelonero's brother donated \$500 for special needs people. It was decided that this would go into our Holiday Donation Fund*
- *Overseas Soldiers: No report*
- *Pasta Dinner: Dominick Bucci: A pasta dinner is booked for November 17th, 2018, Saturday, at Holy Cross Church. Live entertainment. \$17.00 per person. All food and entertainment were donated. It should be a total profit event. Our chapter gets the proceeds from UNICO members. The church will get the profit from the church attendees. Please support this fundraising event*
- *Wine Raffle: Steve Pelonero: 403 tickets sold. Steve thanks Joe Agresti for donating the refrigerator and also John Barbieri for getting the permit and printing the tickets. A profit of \$2,015 with one cash donation of \$50. Net profit \$2,065. Proceeds for Vision 2020*

Non-Fundraising Committees

- *Good & Welfare: Sal Nocella: Tony Nappi was in the hospital but is now on his way back home. Youth member*
- *Heritage: Steve Pelonero: Shooting for October but going to wait until we come back from the July convention to start*
- *Membership*
 - *John Barbieri: 50 members*
 - *John Barbieri wish our three members born in June a Happy Birthday*
 - *Joe McGill reported that the first 1/2 of our dues were sent in to UNICO National*
- *Newsletter: Steve Pelonero: 16th year*
- *Website: Steve Pelonero: 83,524 visits*

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National News

- *The NJ District IV Convention Bowl-a-Thon and Jimmy V Bowl-a-Thon: It was voted on to split the budgeted \$400 so that each get \$200: Motion by Joe Benvenuti, Second by Eileen Wood*
- *The convention is the last week of July in Delray Beach, FL*
- *The 9 proposed amendments were discussed and unanimously voted that the delegates should vote yes on each one of them at the convention*
- *Joe Agresti reported that one of our student submissions from Montclair University received a UNICO National Italian Studies Grant*

District News

- *The 4th District meeting was held in Bloomingdale at Lena's and hosted by the Pequannock Chapter*
- *Each chapter in our NJ District IV was asked to donate \$200 to be presented by the District at this year's convention for Jimmy V*

Old Business

- *No old business was brought up*

New Business

- *The chapter Board of Directors are to meet after this monthly meeting is adjourned*

Attendance at Meeting

- *26 members*
- *4 guests*

Adjournment

- *9:10 with motions made by Frank Capalbo and Sal Benvenuti*

Respectfully Taken by

Steve Pelonero