

**The Arc Susquehanna Valley**  
**April 18, 2018 at 4:30 PM**  
**Wayside Inn Banquet Room**

**Business Meeting Call to Order:** Vice President Jannet Tebar presided and called the meeting to order. Robert introduced our new office administrator, Tessa Moore. Roll call was requested.

**Attendance:** Brittany Baker, Judy Davis, Christie Duke, Margaret Harvey, Leta Jo Maue, Dana Rebeck, Dan Sweeney, Jannet Tebar, Laura Yannes, Megan Walsh, Executive Director Robert Roush

**Absent:** Deb Brubaker, Cathy Koch

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the January Board Meeting were reviewed. Judy moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Brittany. The vote to accept was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Robert reviewed the Financial Reports of July 2017 through March 2018 and the Balance Sheet for April 9, 2018. After limited discussion Robert summarized that the numbers on the Balance Sheet looked good for future planning. Judy moved to accept the Treasurers Report and was seconded by Margaret. The motion was unanimously approved.

**New Business:** Robert led the review of the Provisional 2018-2019 Budget. He pointed out that we are receiving nearly the same allotments as the current budget year. The additional \$20,000 is from completing the "Discovery" process with 6 self-advocates with possibly 1 self-advocate receiving customized job development. Our staff employee, Cheryl Donlan, will go for training in this area in July. Leta Jo made a motion to approve the Provisional Budget and Margaret seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Our new Board candidate, John Michaels, was asked to introduce himself. With many skills he told that his interest in serving The Arc Board was motivated by having first-hand experience parenting a self-advocate. Judy motioned that we accept John as a Board member with a second by Margaret. The board vote was unanimous. John will serve until 2020.

**A Home of Our Own:** Robert stated that some issues have arisen with purchase of the Bob Newman building. J. Woodring requests that The Arc (Robert) sign a sales agreement for this building although there is NO indication when the current tenants will move out of the property. We agreed that this seemed "odd". Robert has also checked on the building that had housed "The Great Wall" restaurant. He told us that it was in pretty bad shape and would not recommend it. Another possibility would be the Medical Supply building (next to The Great Wall). Both properties include limited parking but offer public parking nearby. Robert will keep us informed of these and other potential properties.

**Adjournment of Business Meeting:** Laura moved to adjourn with Margaret seconding the motion. All voted to adjourn to our Annual Membership Dinner Meeting.

**Annual Membership Dinner Meeting:** The meeting was reconvened by Robert and guests were welcomed to the dinner. Brian Habermehl welcomed everyone to our celebration and told briefly of some accomplishments of our self-advocates and our chapter. He hinted at some future activities of The Arc Susquehanna Valley.

**Board Member Installation:** Board officers and members were installed by the following leaders at Northumberland County Human Services; Carmine Picarelli, Marcy Klinger, and Tara Avelino. Board officers were called forward: Vice-president – Jannet Tebar, Secretary – Brittany Baker, and Treasurer – Judy Davis. Additional Board members were called forward to be installed: Christie Duke, Margaret Harvey, Leta Jo Maue, John Michaels, Dana Rebuck, Dan Sweeney, and Megan Walsh. All members agreed to fulfill the responsibilities to which they were appointed.

**Entertainment:** Jack and the Beanstalk – A One Act Play was performed by self-advocates of the Sunbury AMPES Program under the direction of John Shosh. The cast and sound effect personnel did a great job and the audience was appreciative!

**Dinner and Slide Presentation:** Following the blessing, dinner was served by Wayside staff. The meal consisted of salad, roast beef, broasted chicken, chicken and beef gravies, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls and butter. Apple pie and coffee were served afterwards. Slides of Arc events throughout the year were shown throughout the mealtime.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:** Leta Jo Maue recognized two outgoing Board Members and thanked them for a job well done! Those members were Laura Yannes and Cathy Koch. Each will receive a Certificate of Appreciation for they will be missed.

**Acknowledgement of Special Guests and Agencies:** Several guests were able to attend the dinner meeting and were introduced to those in attendance. Robert introduced Maureen Cronin, our State Director of The Arc. Also, he welcomed Joe Choker for the Knights of Columbus, Amy Badorf representing Linda Schlegel-Culver's office, and Cindy Hose of CSMU. Mr. Choker addressed the Arc Membership and presented the Arc with a check for \$1,000.

**The State of The Arc Susquehanna Valley:** Robert addressed the membership on the current state of our chapter by highlighting the following areas:

1. The continuing struggle to live by the code of self-determination.
2. The addition of employment + Discovery Series.
3. The expansion of the Arc Susquehanna Valley into all counties within our region.

A complete copy of the address can be found on the "Board Members Only" web page.

**Adjournment:** At 8:05 Jannet Tebar adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leta Jo Maue, Secretary