

**JANUARY Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

Welcome/Get Acquainted/Snack and Social Time

Attendance 13

Administrative Business

* **Budget/Treasurer’s Report** - **Steve Shugarts**

Starting Balance 2018 - $5076 that includes $200 in open checks and $1,000 in currently earmarked funds for the audio equipment purchase. Net balance of $3800 is higher than previous year beginning because of several private and corporate donations. Although they are greatly appreciated, they are not guaranteed year to year. Our 2018 budget is $4205.

2017 PA Walk proceeds to our chapter in 2018, estimate of $3300 / per Bill Pfeiffer.

* **Upgraded audio equipment – Rick Shinners**

Audio equipment upgrades by purchasing new microphones and an audio mixer.  These upgrades will create an integrated system providing enhanced communication between our microphones, loop and CART services.

Information Update

* + **HLAA - Pennsylvania State Office** [www.hlaa-pa.org](http://www.hlaa-pa.org)
    - HearSay Newsletter – encouraging electronic rather than print; need funds to continue; walk share about $2,728.00
    - Lunch and Learn – possibly cancelled this year.
  + **Walk4Hearing** – 2017 results very good; almost $143,000 raised; our share should be around $3,311.00. Plans are being made for 2018.
  + **National HLAA Office** [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)
    - New logo coming out
    - Convention – Minneapolis MN June 21-28, 2018

Old Business

* **Hershey Mill Directory –** Steve

No additional updates.

* **Facebook/Website/Email Update –** Carolyn

Website updates ongoing including the upcoming meeting dates and speakers

Facebook likes and forwards help with ongoing spread of the HLAA Chesco Chapter and available resources for those in our community.

* **Chapter Transition –** AnnualChapter Update submitted to National HLAA Office

Need volunteers: President (Bill Pfeifer - interim)

Secretary (Carolyn Best – leaving by May 2018)

New Business

* **Upcoming Events – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Immediate need for positions on the board of HLAA Chesco Chapter to fill the secretary and president openings. Please be in touch with Bill Pfeiffer, Interim Chapter president, via** [**hlaachesco@gmail.com**](mailto:hlaachesco@gmail.com)**, for more details.**

* **Hearing Loss Student Scholarship – need to plan for this year’s recipient**

**Possible contributions from our chapter**

**60 letters mailed to audiologists about scholarship funding support fall of 2017 and no responses. Possible spring mailing that could come from Dr. Curtin, as a suggestion from Steve, to get the word out about this special scholarship opportunity within the Chester County community**

* **Speakers/Topics Ideas for 2018**
  + **January and February - H.O.P.E. (Hearing Other People’s Experiences)**
  + **March – WCU speaker Dr Aaron Roman; WCU Hearing Loss Clinic**
  + **April – Costco**
  + **May – Tech night**
  + **June – ice cream social and awarding of second annual scholarship**

Any other business

Convention scholarship? If no one is going to national convention from our chapter – this money could be put toward the student scholarship possibly.

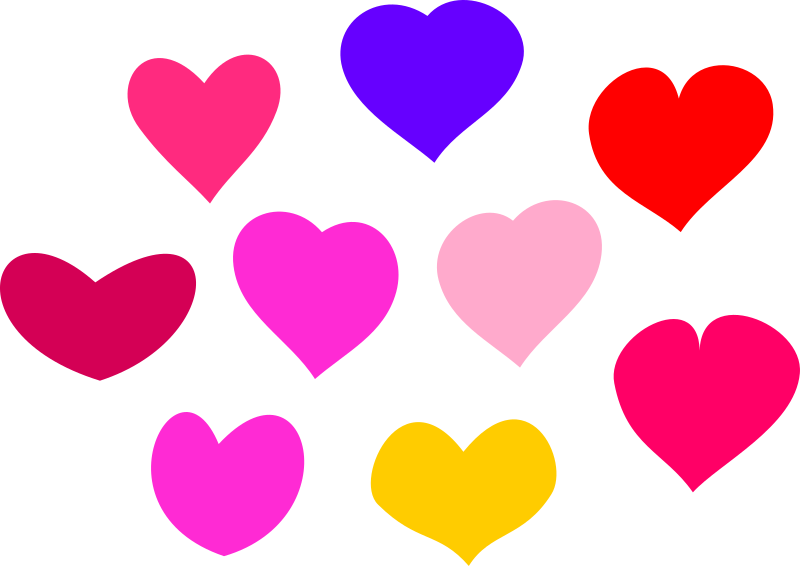
There may be some costs associated with changing the logo on printed materials and other resources that the chapter utilizes. Should be noted in the budget

H.O.P.E. Meeting Discussion Facilitator - **Carolyn Best**

Topics Discussed: Hearing in noisy environments, cochlear implant experiences, speech reading, telephone use

resources, work environment accommodations.

**Next Meeting will be Wednesday, February 14 @ 7pm**

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