

## PA JCI SENATE MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2024

Holiday Inn East – Harrisburg & Zoom

**Call to Order: President Katy Lemmer #73037** at 10:02AM

**Invocation: Nicole Dapp #74656**

**Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Diane Duell #74147**

**Approval of Agenda: Katy Lemmer #73037**

Motion to approve by Lloyd Lingle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Muir.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

Bob McDonald #58286 – USJCI Senate Sweepstakes Prize Representative

Jane Amend #65535 – Eastern Institute Chair & NJ JCI Senate State Secretary

Joe Sabella #26077 – USJCI Senate Foundation Trustee & Region 2 Advisor

Nancy Salopek #47610 – USJCI Senate Foundation Trustee  
Beth Muir #65479 – USJCI Region 2 Foundation Representative

Joan Travis #76201 – USJCI Senate Region 2 National Vice President

John Robinson #55768 – USJCI Senate Past President & Current Wheelchairs 4 Kids Representative

Cheryl Carlson #70371 – USJCI Senate Finance Committee & NC JCI Senate State President

### **Secretary's Report: Matt Boyer #76878**

Approval of the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Approved as Read - Motion by Ken Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob McDonald. Sign in Sheet is going around.

### **Vice President's Report: Sally Traczuk #68943**

Thanks to everyone for coming out and bringing food, doing the boozy foods. There was great food as well as desserts. No tabulation yet, if you have not had a chance to vote for a favorite dessert please do. There was a lot on the table for Jenna's Blessings Bags, more on that later. Thanks to all who have helped with everything this year as far as setting up and things in the hospitality room. This afternoon many of us will be attending the memorial service for Fred Baber. The hospitality room will be open. At 6:30 we will be gathering in the bar area to watch the Kentucky Derby, food will be at 7, and the awards and installation banquet will begin at 8 pm.

### **Treasurer's Report: Amy Newton #68259**

**Sergeant at Arms** – 34 in attendance. Make sure you sign the attendance sheet

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report** – Cut-off date on the report was 3/31/24. Approved on 4/30. Total interest to date on 3 cd's \$1412.34. Restricted Account \$45,062.14, checking account \$231.71. Motion to approve by Brad Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Krista Muir. All present approved.

Update on taxes – Officially we are compliant. The JCI Senate is a 501C(7), a social and recreational club. Taxes have now been filed.

**Dues Billing Update - Krista Muir #73181**

For June, we have 93 due, 46 have renewed (including 42 Lifetime), and we had 2 drops (both deceased). 5 new adds. Still Due – Christine Eaton, Julia Livingston, Rhett Lowry  
**Lifetime Membership – Beth Muir #65479**

We have 92 fully paid Lifetime members, 0 partially paid. \$13,007.75 currently in the account. From the letter sent to the Lifetime members reminding them to make donations, 32 people have donated \$1550.

**Mentors Envelope** – going around

### **Committee Reports**

#### **PA Jaycees/Return the Favor: Katy Lemmer #73037**

It was an amazing EI Meeting. It will be a full slate of officers, no change. A lot of states attended, a lot of excited Jaycees. There were also fantastic trainings. Thanks to Jane Amend for running the meeting.

For Return the Favor, thanks to the senators who went to the Beaver Area Jaycees Night at the Races. Honesdale Jaycees had the canoe races last weekend. Hanover Jaycees Rock on the Hill will be coming up soon if anyone will be attending.

#### **SOAR/Social Media: Katy Lemmer #73037**

If anyone is interested in receiving the Keystone Connection a signup sheet is available. It is the best way to find out what is going on. Beaver Jaycees are doing a Money Maniac, a reverse raffle. Upper Adams is doing a free Father's Day breakfast if anyone is able to help out. The Phoenixville Dogwood Festival will be coming up in a couple of weeks. Facebook is the easiest way for us to update and get info, there is the public page and private senate page.

#### **PA JCI Scholarship & Red Hats: Nancy Salopek #47610**

Some articles were in the recent Image on scholarships. Please make sure to read the articles to get all the information. Their applications are here, if anyone is interested to actually see them.

There were two winners who each receive a \$750 scholarship award from the PA JCI Senate. One of the winners was Thrisha Kalpathi. She plans on going to the University of Pittsburg, majoring in Pre-Med, going on to be a clinical researcher in neurodegenerative diseases. The other award was given to Madelyn Sheffel. She plans to go to Slippery Rock and major in Math Education and Dance Education. The US JCI Senate Foundation gives a \$1000 grant. We submitted Matthew Mesaris, unfortunately he wasn't selected. He is going to PA College of Technology for Construction Management.

Savana Steigerwald and Madelyn Sheffel each received a \$750 Grover Gouker Memorial Scholarship. Savana plans on attending Slippery Rock University with the goal of becoming a Physician's Assistant.

Thanks especially to the Red Hats and Bob McDonald who support the Grover Gouker Scholarship program. Today an envelope will be going around since it will be a busy day. It will be the first installment towards the 2024-2025 program. I have served in this position for several years. The support of the PA Senate has been amazing. This is the last year chairing the project, it has been a great opportunity.

#### **Lost Senator: Sheryl Zagar #77791**

This year was a little different, there will be no lost senator presented today. It was awarded to Shelly Jamison in December at the Christmas Party. There was discussion back in July on awarding two, but the decision was made to keep it

to one Lost Senator a year, unless it would be a husband and wife, it might be considered.

If you have any suggestions, get their names submitted.

**Chaplain/Sunshine Club: Nicole Dapp #74656**

Two senators passed away, Donald Snyder #28520 and Charles Burnside #34137. Please keep Deb Baber #75950 in your thoughts and prayers at the loss of Fred Baber. At the EI Meeting, three PA Senators received JCI USA Ambassador Awards: PA Senate President Katy Lemmer #73037, Peter Urscheler #78755, and Neil Hanes #78633

Congratulations to Rob Mawson for receiving the US JCI Senate Friendship award at the MAI. Rob is FR #118.

**Image/Eblast Editor: Missy Umberger #79560**

Articles for the next Image are due by 7/1/2024, send to Missy Umberger.

**Future Directions: Sally Traczuk #68943**

We have been meeting once a quarter to discuss some things.

The committee includes Donna Hurd, George Fields, Krista Muir, Katy Lemmer, Jeff Kozak, and me.

Discussion has been made on adjusting meeting times again, foundation at 9 am & business at 10 am starting in November. This would make lunch at a reasonable hour. Those that travel for the meeting indicated they don't mind getting here earlier, they can get home earlier if they stay for the day.

We went through the by-laws to make sure all was in place for next year. Now that we have them, make sure that we follow them.

Regarding communication to members, there was lots of discussion on how to use image, web page, and Facebook page, how do we get the word out to you? A survey will probably be started at the August Meeting. How do you find out what is going on, how do we improve that. Do we want to keep the web page? We will pay for it one more year. Is it a method we need to use, and how do we use it?

Also, looking at the exec team and succession for the next few years. There is a full board for next term, but no guarantee for years after. Finding and identifying who is interested, what do they want to do, and what do they need to know? An information session will be done at the November meeting.

Announcements can be made at that meeting, what is the basic info or basic role when holding that position.

Finally, promoting Senatorship, along with finding lost senators, Jaycee chapters and bringing back senators who no longer renew.

**Jenna's Blessing Bags -**

Ed Burly - Thanks for having me, Jenna was our second child. From the beginning she was into arts. When she was 16 or 17, she put a notice on Facebook that she wanted to collect for homeless. She packed bags w/ toiletries, snacks, etc. Her friends got involved. When she was murdered, we experienced evil, but since then have experienced thousands of nice things and people, that wouldn't have w/out the tragedy. The night she was discovered, we started talking that we needed to start a foundation. After about 2 years it was official. With the help of community leaders and friends, it started in the house, is now in an office type warehouse. Now we buy in bulk, and have volunteers that put things together. We are partnered w/ Project Home in Philadelphia, which have shelters and soup kitchens, education programs. Homeless need more than bags. Also partnered w/ St Francis Inn, who provide meals in a dignified way.

**National Meeting Liaison: Katy Lemmer # 73037 –**

A couple of upcoming meetings were added to the list because they are popular. The Pig Roast will be at the same location as last year. The 2025 MAI is being held in Norfolk, VA. They have a Facebook page already. A hotel is ready, information is on the Facebook page. The information is also on the National JCI Senate website as well.

**DEJCI Senate Year End Celebration –** May 18, 2024 in Smyrna, DE

**DEJCI Senate Blue/Gold Game –** June 14, 2024 in Newark, DE

**USJCI Senate Year-End Meeting & Celebration –** June 18-22, 2024 in Tampa, FL.

**OHJCI Senate Pig Roast –** July 19-21, 2024 in Kent, OH

**USJCI Senate Fall BOD Meeting –** Sept 19-22, 2024 in Tulsa, OK

**Region, I Fall Frolic –** Oct 18-20, 2024 in New Hampshire

**Wreaths Across America –** Dec 14, 2024, Nationwide

**USJCI Senate Winter BOD Meeting –** Jan 9-12, 2025 in Kenner, LA

**MAI –** April 3-6, 2025 in Norfolk, VA

**Old Business**

**-MAI 2024 – Cherry Hill, NJ –** It was a fantastic weekend.

Anyone who had the most beautiful scenery that weekend was in Cherry Hill, NJ. I don't know what anyone who went to Hawaii was seeing. Thanks to everyone that came to MAI, we had a great time. NVP Joan Travis and Ann Harrison, the co-chairs, did a fantastic job, the hotel was great, food was great. There is a new friendship member Rob Mawson #118, we are excited about that. Per Sally Traczuk, Region 2 Chaplain this year, there is a list of everyone that passed that was recognized during the memorial service at MAI if you would like to take a moment to see all of those, we've lost between region 2 and 3. Per Bob McDonald, congratulations to Katy Lemmer for president of the first quarter. Per Katy, Bob was recognized as outstanding chairperson for chairing the Apple Harvest festival, and we are honored for that.

Foundation had a great auction, Kim Melachrinis and Terri Kolaz did a fantastic job on Red Hats.

Per Jeff Kozak, it was a fabulous time on the tours. The ghost tour was incredible. There was also a scavenger, it was a lot of fun. It was a great idea, fun seeing the results and pictures. Jeff was the champion disc golfer.

**New Business**

**-Iron Pigs Baseball Game –** May 25, 2024 – Jeff Kozak #64311 – Planning for two years now, it is coming at the end of the month, if anyone wants to go let me know today. Starts 1 hour before the game in the patio section, with our own seats. It will be fun, join us!

**-Region II/III Social –** date TBD – Jeff/Janet Kozak – We will be hosting the social. There should be flyers. Last time there were 85 people, which was a record. We are looking at breaking that this year. Please provide a dessert or side dish. It will be a backdoor picnic. Bring a chair.

**-National Apple Harvest 2024** – Bob McDonald #58286 – It's the first two weekends in October. The committees are the same, Beth and Krista Muir on the inventory, Connie Cox doing manpower, Diane Duell doing the ice cream, and Bob doing the overall nothing. We are going to need lots of help. I have not gotten the contract yet. When it comes, I will need a check from Amy. Per Connie, please sign up to help.

**-Upcoming PA JCI Senate Meetings** – Sally Traczuk #68943

-August 3, 2024 – will be held at the Traczuk location. Zoom will be available. There are hotels nearby if necessary. The meetings will be Foundation at 10, Senate at 11. Hess Catering will be doing the food. It is a smaller patio but larger yard. Reading Phillies are home that weekend. Other events are available. If the weather is bad, arrangements have been made w/ the church to use some of the rooms.

-November 1-3, 2024 – Back at the Red Lion, Matt will be taking that on.

-February and May still to be determined mostly because of cost of hospitality and meeting rooms. We've been looking at some different places to go because it's \$125-\$150 to get these rooms.

**-June 2027 Year-End National Convention Committee** – Katy Lemmer/Amy Newton – Per Katy, her and Amy Newton will be chairing the convention. They have started the process. They are trying to look in the Lancaster, PA area but have not confirmed anything w/ hotels yet. Also started reaching out to a few people to be on the committee. Let them know, or they will be letting us know we will be helping. The year we did it for John Robinson in Pittsburgh it was a lot of work.

**Guest Comments – USJCI NVP Joan Travis** – Where does PA sit with members, are they + or -? Per Katy, we are not sure at the moment, we may be minus 1, break even or plus 1. We are right on the border and working on it; Per Joan, congratulations on the scholarships, and please add me to the committee for 2027 year-end convention; Also, would like to commend the PA Jaycees, President Katy, her board and the PA Senate for being an outstanding Senate organization.

Good luck to next year's incoming board; **Foundation Rep Beth Muir** – I still have 500 Club tickets available for sale if you want some, Joe Sabella or Nancy Salopek might still have some also; **Sweepstakes Prize Rep Bob McDonald** – Sweepstakes are \$10 each, 6 for \$50, also thanks to everyone who has given a prize, we are still taking prizes up until that Wednesday at noon; **NCJCI State President Cheryl Carlson** – Thanks for having us, if you would like to come to Asheboro, NC we would probably be able to get you a tour of the NC Jaycees HQ, it is located not far from the hotel; Also speaking as part of the sweepstake committee, if you haven't already registered for Tampa she has forms, it isn't too late. There are still rooms available in the overflow hotel. There will be a party like no other, you are going to Margaritaville;

**Region 2 Advisor Joe Sabella** – At the business meeting on Friday morning in Tampa when we be will electing officers, hopefully everyone from region 2, and especially PA will be coming. It was a big time for JR a few years ago, and is for Gary Duell now as he is elected National Treasurer. Also would like to give a big shout out to PA people serving under Gary Pittinger: Katy Lemmer has accepted the appointment as

PIE Chairperson, Joan Travis has accepted the appointment as SOAR, Jeff Kozak will be representing Region 2 on the Future Directions Committee for the next 2 years, Cheryl Carlson will be First Timers chairperson and Trustee & Coordinator of the Region 4 Representative; Joe Sabella is Region Coordinator for the Representatives; **Diane Duell** – Thanks to everyone here from Gary and her for everything, it is the reason he is able to get where he is now. Thanks for the love and support.; **Past National JCI President & Wheelchairs for Kids Rep John Robinson** – Thanks to the PAJCI Senate and Region 2 & Region 3 for the support for the Wheelchairs for Kids Program. I look forward to the opportunity in Tampa to accept additional donations to pass the \$1000 mark. Also, to plan for the future, presidential candidate Gary Pittinger is looking to continue the project.; **Joe Sabella** – left out a name, Scott Kingsley will be protocol officer

**Chairman of the Board Report: Jeff Kozak** – It was great working with the exec committee again, thanks Katy for the two-year term, it has been fantastic. How much you rock!

**President's Report: Katy Lemmer #73037**

-Year-end award nominations for Tampa are due by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Needs a couple of sentences, paragraphs, why you feel that person is eligible or deserves that award.

-Friend of the Month- March is Sally Traczuk, thanks for the hockey game on her birthday; April is Amy Newton, thanks for all the time spent getting things corrected during the month of taxes; May is Terry Kolaz, great job on the Jenna's Backpack's project.

Thanks for my friends, I love you all. In August I will give out a few remaining ones.

-Cocktail class coming up 6/28/24 on Zoom with Jane Amend

-Last Social coming up, Brunch at Maxon Dixon in Gettysburg on 7/21

-Archery was fantastic. I was bad, Matt & Nicole were great, Bob was a professional. We all got bruising. No tights. It was dinner at Marino's afterwards. Kim Leese from Hanover, a couple other friends came, Wayne came to archery and dinner. No tights.

**Good of the Order:** Nancy Salopek – Thanks for the contributions for the Gouker Scholarship fund with the envelope that was passed around today. We collected \$291. And with the memorial contributions from Bob it is a total of \$391 for the first collection of 2024-25; Terri Kolaz – thanks for helping w/ Jenna's bags, also if the Senate is trying to think of fundraisers, Illinois does several just for the senate, not the foundation, and may be able to assist with ideas; Bob McDonald – Fond farewell to Carol Harlan, June 1<sup>st</sup> she will become a Midwesterner in South Dakota when she gets married; Diane Duell – Joan's idea, you have paper and pens that are passed around, to raise money for Wheelchairs for Kids, take the paper and pen, put your name on it, give her the paper and money, we can raise money w/ a 50/50; Amy Newton – presented a check to Mike Traczuk/Foundation for \$143 from dues billing, also stated for the scholarship task force since we weren't listed on the committees but it is a quick question to pose the senate, with all the time that has been spent so far going into moving the scholarship from Senate side to Foundation side to give a tax break to donations

– is it important to keep working on it, or does it not mean anything for people? Per the vote, the scholarship continue; Connie Cox - please start signing up to help at the Apple Harvest; Russ Lang – Happy Star Wars Day, also will be participating in a 5K, if you would like to donate; Sheryl Zagar – there is a softball fundraiser right now, thanks for all the support you’ve given the last few years, my granddaughter graduates in June, daughter gets married in August.

Last thing, carpooling is suggested if you are going to Fred Baber’s Celebration of Life, viewing and/or service, ask Matt, he might have some suggestions on parking. If you are carpooling, meet up in the lobby at 12:30, or make arrangements with yourselves. Viewing starts at 1:30, service starts at 3:30, all at the same church. Please all be back by 6:30 pm. If you haven’t made a Derby Hat, they are in the back of the hospitality room.

**Benediction: Sally Traczuk #68943**

**Jaycee Creed:** led by Janet Kozak #61574

**Adjournment** – at 12:19 PM

**NEXT PA JCI SENATE MEETING**

August 3, 2024 – Reading, PA

Nancy Salopek #47610	Rob Mawson FR #118
Brad Cox #62525	Jean Mawson #66086
Kim Melachrinos #66672	Beverly Lettich #54985
Jane Amend #65535	John Lettich #42708
Terry Kolaz #68698	Ken Martin #36535
John Robinson #55768	Connie Cox #75090
Greg Umberger #79559	Russ Lang #69509
Missy Umberger #79560	Diane Duell #74147
Cheryl Carlson #70371 NC Pres	Lloyd Lingle #59827
Carolyn Carlson – guest	Mike Traczuk #52181
Carole Harlan #44468	Sally Traczuk #68943
Bob McDonald #58286	Matt Boyer #76878
Krista Muir #73181	Katy Lemmer #73037
Beth Muir #65479	Amy Newton #68529
Walt Pfister #19349	Bill Kramer #65433
Nicole Dapp #74656	Sheryl Zagar #77791
Jeff Kozak #63411	Zoom:
Janet Kozak #61574	NVP Joan Travis #76201