

PASR/MCC
November 6, 2025
Meeting Minutes

As members arrived, bazaar items were placed on tables and shopping began. Items ranged from baked goods to puzzles to jelly to pickles to books to holiday items.

Shelter Services donations were collected at this meeting and will be delivered to the Shelter.

President Elect Joan Loewen opened the meeting in President Jake Wagner's temporary absence.

Dottie Peiffer led a memorial service for the 6 deceased members with a moment of silence and the reading of the poem "The Dash"

Following the invocation by Dottie Peiffer, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America", the meal was served.

After the meal, President Jake Wagner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Walt Malcolm with a second by Doris Hidlay to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer Linda Will reported a balance of \$4559.37 in the checking account. She has sent a memorial to the state headquarters in memory of Cathy Hartley. A motion to file the report for audit was made by Nancy Ressler, with a second by Helen Rager.

Corresponding Secretary Bev Berich read a thank you card from Diane Nale.

Fundraising Co-Chair Bev Berich reported that the chapter received \$136.18 from the Harshbarger Fundraiser.

Community Service Chair Helen Rager presented the Volunteer of the Year Awards to Harriet Yoder and Deborah Filson.

President Jake Wagner presented the John J Dillon Award to Deborah Filson and the Board Commendation to Dave McCachren.

Program Chair Laon Loewen shared the program schedule through the remainder of the 2025-62 meeting year:

Dec. – MCHS Cantare

Jan. – Tim & Duane Duo

Feb. Loren Kauffman Reedsville Creamery

Mar. – Chris Ruble

Apr. – Silent Auction

May – Scholarship Awards

Since Joan is moving into the President's position, the chapter is looking for a new Program Chair. Please consider volunteering.

Joan Loewen attended the HOD meeting and shared a short report. The HOD is a 2 and 1/2 day meeting. The keynote speaker shared the history of a black family that lived on the site of the Gettysburg Battle Field. Descendants of that family are still living there today.

New officers were elected with our current Region 5 president Beth Collins being elected as the new State Vice-President. Several changes to the state By-Laws were made: the phrase “50 or older” was removed; chapters now need to submit their By-Laws every 2 years; chapters can adopt an alternate form of officers; the State President, Vice-President and President Elect may not hold that state office again; and an associate member may not be eligible to hold a state office or vote as a delegate. The members of the state By-Laws Committee will be meeting to discuss this last change and hopefully, it will be changed. The basket auction raised over \$4000 for the state scholarship fund.

Nominating Chair Dottie presented the 2026-28 slate of officers:

President – Joan Loewen
Pres. Elect – Exec Council
Recording Secretary – Deborah Filson
Corresponding Secretary – Beverly Berich
Treasurer – Linda Will

Dave McCachren moved that the nominations be closed with a second by Joan Loewen. Members voted by show of hands and the slate was passed with a unanimous vote.

Membership Chair Karen Galbraith had membership lists available for members to pick up.

The RECREO committee is resigning that position. Let Joan Loewen know if you are interested in volunteering for the position.

Newsletter Chair Nancy Ressler had nothing new to report.

Reservations Co-Chair Dave McCachren reminded members that they need to email Lauri Dulis a second time if they don’t get a reply to their initial email within 24 hrs.

Val DeVecchis reported that the Lauretta Woodson Award will go to the Lewistown Intermediate building faculty and staff.

Fund raiser Co- Chair Bev Berich reported that \$500 was raise in the Scholarship Bazaar.

Publicity Chair Bridget Allen is writing news article and submitting them to the Sentinel for publication.

Carol Ann Manbeck shared that the “Shining Light Through the Darkness” program is in need of greeters (who should report by 5:30 pm), golf cart drivers and monetary donations.

Mary Lou Sigler reported that the MCSD Homeless Pantry is well stocked with personal use items but does need monetary and grocery gift card donations.

Walt Malcolm suggested that we ask John Panitso to update the PA system since it is difficult to hear the speakers.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 4, 2025 at the Birch Hill Event Center. The MCHS Cantare group will be singing at 12:00 noon with the meal and meeting to follow.

President Jake Wagner adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Debbie Filson, recording secretary