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Report from the Executive Board Meeting

Our annual Executive Board Meeting took place on May 18th at the Bentley Historical Library. The first order of business were the reports on last year's activities by the PAC President Wanda Walasek, the Treasurer Andrzej Wierzbicki, the Audit Committee, and the Nominations Committee. The President thanked the outgoing Vice-President Jolanta Grembecka for her many years of service to our organization. Mr. Leszek Sipowski conducted the Executive Board elections with the following results:

President: Wanda Walasek

Vice-President: Ania Bielińska

Treasurer: Andrzej Wierzbicki

Secretary: Barbara Alvarez

We thank all the members who participated in the elections!

Our invited speaker, Mr. Marcin Chumiecki, Director of the Polish

Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, presented the goals and activities of his organization. In addition to organizing cultural events and programs, the Polish Mission hosts a genealogy center, Polonica Americana Research Institute (PARI), a prestigious collection of Polish art, and the Central Archives of Polonia, the most extensive archival collection documenting Polish American history. PAC members also had the pleasure of meeting and listening to Mr. J.J. Przewoźniak, the Curator of Collections at the Polish Mission. These collections currently comprise 9,500 items from medieval royal correspondence to World War II objects.

To follow the events and programs at the Polish Mission, please check <http://www.polishmission.com/>.



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From the President

Thank you all for trusting me to be the President of PAC Ann Arbor Chapter for another year. I appreciate all your help and support of our activities during this past year. However, I would also like to ask you for more commitment in the current year. We are the Polish American group that should be more visible in our community by strong participation of our members in events such as lectures sponsored by PAC or U of M. I'll be forwarding messages from other organizations about these activities so each of us can have the opportunity to learn something new and meet other Polish groups.

To exist, to organize different events, and to help others, we need funds. Thus, the Board of PAC Ann Arbor Chapter asks for your annual membership dues of \$30 for May 2014 through May 2015. This year, we are going to continue our traditional activities like the picnic, bonfire, Carnival/New Year's ball, and Pasterka. However, we are also open to any new ideas of events, fundraising or voluntary work to help other individuals or organizations. Every year we hope for participation of the young generation in our programs, projects and events.

At the Annual Executive Board Meeting on May 18, it was a great pleasure to meet Marcin Chumiecki and JJ

Przewoźniak, and to learn about their work at the Polish Mission. We hope to collaborate with them in the future and welcome them to all our events.

Last but not least, on behalf of the PAC Ann Arbor Chapter I would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Małgosia Myc for hosting the annual Executive Board Meeting at the Bentley Historical Library and sharing with us the riches of the Bentley archival collections on Polish Americans in Michigan. Thank you Małgosiu!

Please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you again. I wish you all a wonderful summer.

*Wanda Walasek
President, PAC Ann Arbor Chapter*

Membership Dues

The membership year starts with the Executive Board elections in May. The dues are \$30 and can be paid by mailing a check to PAC AA, PO Box 130763, Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0763 or at any of our events. Please try to remember to renew your membership as this is the only source of funding for our activities!

Upcoming Events

Picnic

Time: Saturday, August 24 @ 2pm

Place: Central Shelter, Dexter Huron Metropark, 6535 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130

This is a potluck event, so please bring a dish and a beverage to share. Sausages, soft drinks and tableware will be provided by PAC.

Also, be prepared to pay a small park entrance fee (cash only).

We invite everybody to participate in the Most Original Hat and Beer Mug Contests, and to contribute fun items to our traditional auction (1 item per participant).

Bonfire / Ognisko

Time: Saturday, September 27 @ 4pm

Place: MAGIZI Frontier Cabin, Brighton Recreation Area, 6360 Chilson Rd, Howell, MI 48843 (the same as last year)

The cabin sleeps 20 and will be rented from Friday, Sept. 26, 3pm to Sunday, Sept. 28. If you would like to spend the night there, please contact Andrzej Myc, andrzej.myc@gmail.com. On Saturday Sept. 27 everyone is welcome to join us before the bonfire to walk around the lake, bike, and have fun. The bonfire will start at 4pm.

We are looking for a donation of firewood. Please contact Wanda Walasek. Participants bring their own food. Don't forget about kielbasa and "kielbasa sticks".

Polish Mass

Time: Saturday, September 6 @ 7pm

Place: St. Francis of Assisi

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