

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
February 10, 2022
Blue Dolphin Restaurant**

Greetings, Overview, and Special Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Charlie Gable. Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Gable spent the first several minutes reviewing the agenda and explaining the format of the meeting. President Gable welcomed the new members as well as the Emeritus Members
First Time Members: Judy Crawford, Stephen Ginaitis, Renee Krysiak, and LuAnn Webb

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Leslie Schell and seconded by Lucy Travers. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Max Muller presented the treasurer's report. He reviewed the new activity and expenditures since the last update. He stated that there are funds from last fiscal year that will carry over into the scholarship fund. Tillie Barckley made a motion to accept the report. Tony Anzalone seconded the motion. The membership accepted the report as presented.

Committee Reports:

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus will begin rehearsals on February 22, 2022. They are recruiting new members to add to the current 25. Four concerts have been scheduled. They are still looking for a new director to lead the group.

Bylaws Committee

No report as they have not yet met as a group.

Community Service/ Consumer Education

A report for the committee was given by Carla Duls. She thanked the membership for their contributions to the Mama and Baby Pantry and the animal shelter.

Free School Museum

Karlie Everett gave the report for the Free School. The school will be 300 years old in 2023. There have been three individuals at the school doing research using the records and documents housed in the building. The Free School will be open to 2-3 guests at one time. Schools may not schedule fieldtrips to the school at this time. Ms. Everett reported that the school will participate in the Maryland Day Celebration. Ms. Everett and her husband will dress as the schoolmarm and master.

Florida Gathering Update

Bob Kanach stated that currently 21 people have registered for the event. February 16, 2022 is the deadline for participation.

Legislative

Virginia Crespo reported that the Legislature is closed to the public because of COVID. They are using Zoom to meet. She stated that 2,000 bills have been introduced. MRSPA has taken a position on 20 bills, 5 supported and 1 opposed. The Governor's budget included a five-year plan to cut taxes for senior citizens, but the surplus being used will be gone next year. Our pension fund is currently 76.4% funded but 80% is considered fully funded.

Membership

The membership report was given by Leslie Schell. Ms. Schell thanked the membership for their help getting cancelled members to renew. A survey was sent to members living on the Eastern Shore to assess interest in a 2023 meeting on their side of the bay. The survey will end in February and results will be back by March 1, 2022. These members could respond on Survey Monkey or by paper ballot. MRSPA membership cards are being sent out. Some members have already received their permanent card. Ms. Schell encouraged members to keep the cards with them.

Pre-Retirement

Susan Baugher stated that there will not be a spring pre-retirement event. One may occur in the fall. The committee is working on a brochure to provide new retirees. It may be ready to go to the print shop by the end of February.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner reminded the group about the birthday drawing and encouraged members having birthdays in the three months mentioned to add their names. The Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled for May 12, 2022.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley provided the committee report. Ms. Barckley read messages she received from previous scholarship winners. As individuals, they are doing well with their studies, making the Dean's List, and exploring music education as a major. There will be four \$4,000 scholarships this year. Donations are still being accepted.

Trips and Travel

Lucy Travers reported that there are some individuals on the waitlist for the Blue Angel's trip. Some seats may become available.

Old Business

No old business

New Business Items from Members

Spelling Bee Judges are being requested. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Dixie Stack or Carla Duls

Guest Speakers

- Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA, provided greetings and updates. She praised our organization as very reliable and active. She recognized members who were serving locally and at the state level. AARSPA is the second largest local organization. Twenty members are invited to the annual luncheon hosted by MRSPA. Our own Carla Duls will be installed as president of MRSPA.
- Joe Maddalon, Association Member Benefit Association (AMBA), brought toothbrushes and toothpaste for all members in attendance. He briefly shared the benefits his organization will bring to MRSPA as well as local organization. His association helps to promote the benefits we have and identify gaps that may be present. He will also help encourage new membership. Handouts were placed on the tables.
- Vincent Leggett shared an informative talk with the membership about his family, life, and culture in Anne Arundel County as he grew up. He shared his current publication that features his father and some favorite recipes using local seafood.

Lunch was served

Adjournment: A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Dates To Remember	
March 9-10, 2022	26 th Annual Florida Gathering, Hosts Barbara Zelle and Kim Proctor, Sarasota, Florida
April 7, 2022	Executive Board Meeting, AACPS Board of Education, Center 2A, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
May 11, 2022	MRSPA Annual Business Meeting/Luncheon, Martin's Camelot, Upper Marlboro, MD
May 12, 2022	AARSPA Annual Business Meeting/Luncheon, Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Lake Shore Plaza, Pasadena, MD, Registration begins at 9:45 a.m., Meeting begins at 10:30

Respectfully submitted
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary