

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Board of Education - Center I
January 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Charlie Gable, Joel Drapalski, Pat Ericson, Karlie Everett, Nina Griffith, Matilda Barckley, Ione Williams, Lonnie Kelly, Carla Duls, Virginia Crespo, Susie Jablinske & Tony Anzalone.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE: Charlie Gable led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the October 11, 2012 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alicia Hardisky presented the treasurer's report of fund balances. The report was approved and filed for audit. In addition, based on current and projected scholarship funding a motion was made and approved to offer 3 scholarships for the current year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report.

Greetings: Dr. Maxwell, Superintendent, Florie Bozzella, Exec. Director of Human Resources, George Margolies, Chief of Staff and Alez Szachnowicz, Chief Operating Officer addressed the group. Dr. Maxwell thanked everyone for all we do for the system and for a lifetime of contribution to the students and citizens of Anne Arundel County. He went on to explain the challenges facing the school system which included funding of the budget, maintenance of effort funding and future impact of the National Health Insurance laws. There is a serious concern involving matching funds from the county in order to receive state capital funding for construction. He stressed the importance of reaching out to the business community in order to obtain their support to fund and expand upon a top notch school system which turns out students with excellent employment skills and excellent academic skills that will enable them to go further and obtain a college education. He indicated that 30% of the students attending AACPS are FARMS students and the percentage is increasing. The 2014 budget year may be the year for budget issues involving benefits but the upcoming budget does not include changes to retiree benefit funding.

REPORTS:

Legislation: Virginia Crespo reported that this will be the year Gov. O'Malley sets legislation in place for his legacy. Key issues this year will be pension funding (moving from corridor funding to actuarial funding), death penalty, transportation budget growth, gun control, and the capital budget.

Archives / History: Carla stressed the need to have pictures with attendee names for this year's Florida Mtg./Luncheon. John Hammond indicated he will attend the meeting and take pictures.

Constitution - By-Laws: No report.

Chorus: Bob gave a status report on the chorus.

Community Service: Bob reported that \$215 was donated to the Judy Center at Hilltop Elementary School for needy children.

Consumer Education: No report.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reported that the selection committee members are meeting regularly and actively working on nominations.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky reported that Lois Sowell completed her financial review of our accounts and made a couple minor recommendations for change but overall our records were in good order and ready for filing our 2012 tax returns.

Free School: Bob reported the eagle scout walkway project is complete. He shared a picture of the final project. The group approved reimbursing the scout for all materials, including \$200 for the bobcat services to grade the walkway surface prior to installation of the walkway. Bob also shared a need for some work on the rear lot in the spring to improve the appearance and remove unnecessary vegetation. Karlie shared her feelings about the upcoming calendar with regard to open house dates and tour dates. There was some discussion and it was decided to bring the topic up again at the next meeting.

Hospitality: Nina reported the committee is working hard to recognize recent illnesses and deaths and appreciated everyone's feedback to keep her and her committee updated..

Membership: Carol Kirby reported we have 1900 + members. There are also 26 unpaid members who will be dropped if their dues are not forthcoming. Some members indicated they will call some of the members who have not paid to encourage them to make payment. MRSPA has asked for feedback via a survey as to why the members have dropped their membership.

Remembrance: Nina Griffith's committee is working hard. Millie Zipay and Dianne Rogers are assisting her.

Newsletter/ Informer: Carla Duls continues doing a great job on the newsletter. February 1st is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter. Bob recommended that we highlight Tony Anzalone in the next newsletter. The next newsletter should be ready for assembly on February 15, 2013.

Photography: Nothing new to report. John Hammond will provide photography services as needed.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported the committee met and the spring pre-retirement session is scheduled for April 13, 2013 at Severna Park High School. The Fall date is tentatively set for October 26, 2013.

Programs: Charlie Gable reported his committee is meeting and has scheduled a A.A.Co. police guest speaker for the March luncheon. The topic will be "Safety for Seniors". He has also scheduled a vocal entertainer for the luncheon. The presentation is called "Nancy Sings". No presenters are scheduled for the May luncheon and Charlie is hoping the chorus will expand their vocal presentation at the luncheon.

Public Relations: Bob reported the web site has experienced some problems and the web masters will be contacting Dr. Bill Brose to address the problems.

Raffle: Bob reported MRSPA scholarship tickets are also available.

Scholarship: Karlie reported that our records and the 21st Century bookkeeper's records are in agreement for the end of the 2012 year. She suggested the possibility that an outreach letter be sent to other organizations in order to solicit funds. John Hammond suggested a direct contact to leadership members of the organizations might be more effective than sending a letter. The scholarship review committee will meet on March 1st to score this year's applicants. Karlie has reached out to last year's recipients and received some feedback from them via e-mail. They appear to be doing well.

Travel: Bob reported that Lou Kamm's committee is organizing a spring Cherry Blossom/Cruise for 3/28/2013 at \$95 per ticket and a Crab Feast/Cruise in Hurlock, Md. for September at \$80 per ticket. They are also exploring additional shows/concerts and possibly a trip to Florida.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske reported the United Senior Legislative Forum has been re-scheduled from January 29th to March 19, 2013. She distributed the most recent newsletter.

Nominations: We need official nominees for Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together: Bob reported the meeting/luncheon is still scheduled in Naples on February 21 - 22, 2013. Jeanne Hogan is coordinating the event. Send Bob an e-mail if you plan to attend.

MRSPA Community Service Award - Due April 2, 2013. Bob plans on nominating Tony Anzalone for the individual award and Marie & Joe Diamond for their long time commitment and coordination of maintenance activities at the Free School. Bob also told everyone to start thinking about a nominee for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame award.

Important Dates:

February 1st - Deadline for articles for next *Informer*
February 7th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building, Center 3, 10:00 A.M.
March 14th - General Membership Luncheon Meeting - Michael's - 10:30 A.M.
March 19th - United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Forum
March 28th - Cherry Blossom/Odyssey Cruise
April 11th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building - Center 2 - 10:00 A.M.
April 13th - Pre-Retirement Seminar - SPHS - 8:00 A.M.
May 9th - General Membership Luncheon Mtg. - Renditions Golf Course - 10:30 A.M.
May 14th - MRSPA Annual Business Mtg. - Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, Md. - 8:00 A.M.
June 13th - Exec. Board Mtg. - "The Free School" - 10:00 A.M.
July 11th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building - Center 3, 10:00 A.M.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Recording Secretary