

ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

January 10, 2019

Center 2A, BOE Building

Attendance: Bonnie Schmeltz, Dixie Stack, Millie Gardner, Deborah Ahalt, Tillie Barckley, Karlie Everett, Anthony Anzalone, Leslie Schell, Carol Kirby, Max Muller, Charles Gable, Rick Wiles, Brenda Gibson, Carla Duls, John Hammond, Sandra Edmonds, Virginia Crespo and Sharyn Doyle

Call to Order: Co-President Dixie Stack called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge to the Flag: Rick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the October 11, 2018 Executive Board Meeting: Sharyn had emailed them out earlier and printed copies were available. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved. A copy of the approved minutes will be sent to William Brose for posting on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Max distributed the attached Treasurer's Report dated January 10, 2019. Membership has increased by 27 of the 69 we needed for our expected 1800 membership totals for which our budget is based (Line 1). We paid for 4 scholarships (line 32). The Gunson Fund now has a balance \$67,377.05 after AARSPA paid \$35,000 towards the new slate roof for the Free School. Each committee chairperson was given their current budget amount and asked to review it and comment for budget 2020 projection by March 1st.

Max also shared the story of his computer problem and PNC log in issues even at PNC with security questions specific to Rosemary and her wedding. Max changed security questions and recorded the questions and responses for ease of future reference.

A vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody" - Rick reported that donations were a little lower than expected and all concerts have been very well attended. Since the group is now 36 members strong, they need larger performance areas at the various sites. Recently when they were at the Pascal Center, they were filmed by Anne Arundel County Government. Their performance can also be seen on You Tube. The length of the concert was 57 minutes. Have a great day!

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda reported she received 3 requests from members. One member wants electronic copy and not a hard copy of the Informer, another member wanted a membership book and a third member requested volunteer help for the STAIR program. Brenda also reported that a new grant was awarded to the STAIR program so another school will be added to the list of schools receiving this program.

Several Board members asked if our guests from the November General Meeting had been sent a thank you letter and Brenda responded, she is only learning of the guests who attended from the latest Informer issue so she will be writing those letters.

Recording Secretary: Sharyn thanked all Board members who responded to her request to review the minutes from the previous meeting so corrections and modifications could be made prior to review at the next Board meeting.

Rick interjected his thank you to all Board Members for nominating him to the MD Sr. Hall of Fame and he shared with the Board Members, a list of AARSPA members who have been installed over the years. A copy is attached to this report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Revisions to Article III- Membership and to Article VIII- Finance were presented and discussed. Both revisions will be presented and voted upon at the May General Membership Business Meeting along with the budget. Refer to attachment.

Community Service: The toiletries from the November General Membership meeting were delivered to the YMCA which has now opened a second home and to Sarah's House which has now opened a men's shelter. Great appreciation was expressed for these donations. Several Board members volunteered at the Scholastic Book Warehouse and we earned close to \$1000 in vouchers to be spent in the spring.

The final total for the Alzheimer's Walk was \$3715.

The upcoming fundraiser at Brian Boru's Restaurant in Severna Park was reviewed with hours of 4:30 – 10 p.m. and a request was made for photos to be shared and placed on our Facebook page. MRSPA has shared this upcoming event on their Facebook page also.

Consumer Education: There was no report since this committee has not met yet and will be meeting at the end of the month.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony reported our September Educator of the Month was finally honored at the December Board meeting, since this was the first time she was available to attend. Tony introduced himself to new Board of Education members and explained his role and the role of the committee in determining these winners.

Free School: Karlie reviewed the attached sheets of visitors and the number of days per month for the year 2018 and a yearly summary of 2010-2018. Knowing the various traffic issues this past year, the decline was expected in the number of tours held. The new roof has helped identify painting needs. Frustration was also expressed that AACPS schools have not requested any tours.

Historian & Editor of the AARSPA Informer: Carla reported the new issue is being mailed out tomorrow via US Mail. Next month articles are due by January 28th. The contact person at the Capital has left and having articles about Hidden Gems like the Free School are difficult at this time until the new contact person is familiar with us.

There was no new information for the Historian report.

Legislative Committee: Sharyn reported on the recent request she made to her committee members to write an introductory letter to a legislator and share priorities dealing with pension on the state level and health benefits at the local level. Virginia also reported on USM's March 20th rally. The legislative session is just beginning so there are no major issues to discuss.

Membership: Carol reported that we are now approaching the ½ year mark so if a member has not renewed, they will be removed from our mailing list. We have 67 new members and

73 members were lost (death, out of state, etc.). Leslie thought of a new idea which was to send out a holiday greeting card to each of the new members, welcoming them to AARSPA and reminding them of our February General Membership Meeting/Luncheon. She will report back at our next Executive Board meeting, the % of those new members that did attend. ROI (Return of Investment) is of interest.

Pre-Retirement- John was absent. No report was provided.

Program: Charlie reported that at our February General Membership Meeting/Luncheon, Megan Ott, Senior Safety Officer, Anne Arundel County Police, will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be safety and scams affecting seniors. He attempted to contact Vince Leggett as a possible speaker in honor of Black History Month, yet no success with any return communication. Crabtowne Big Band Combo will entertain us.

Heather Carnaghan, the Teacher of the Year, has been invited to our May General Membership Meeting/Luncheon. Charlie also reminded the Board that a new Program Chairperson is needed and suggestions were welcomed.

Publicity Committee: Debbie wanted to thank everyone, especially John and Tille, for the many photos she has placed on Facebook. Photos from the Senior Hall of Fame Induction Event were also placed on Facebook and our Facebook audience is growing. Additional photos are always welcomed.

Raffle: No report at this time since the last General Membership Meeting/Luncheon was at CAT-N and no 50/50 or raffle chances were permitted.

Remembrance & Sunshine: Millie reported that Dianne Rogers was scheduled for heart surgery next week and Millie has assumed her role temporarily. She encouraged every Board member to send a card to Dianne and address cards were distributed. (Dianne Rogers, 42 Boone Trail, Severna Park, MD 21146). Additional monies for cards and postage was also requested and postage supplied by AACPS was discussed which may help reduce costs.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie discussed the article in the Informer about our four scholarship winners and the frustration encountered with one of our winners not responding to a request for an update and a photo for the Informer. Discussion ensued and Tony shared a similar experience with a scholarship committee he served on and all agreed, Tillie has tried and done the best she could for now. Her next attempt will be to contact the Executive Administrator of Scholarship for Scholars. Everyone was reminded about the fundraiser at the Brian Boru restaurant and pub in Severna Park. January 17th where we will earn \$10. for each selected menu meal costing \$25.

Trips & Travel Committee: Lucy was not present and Millie reported that the committee meets next week on the 17th for lunch to review upcoming trip ideas. The Florida trip's low registration was also discussed and knowing the location at Mt Dora, explained the low attendance so far. Suggestions were made to highlight the uniqueness of Mt Dora in the next Informer in hopes of attracting more members.

Old Business:

4 Scholarships This Year – Funding Question for Next Year: It was decided we can safely agree to our 3 and if extra monies are available, we can increase it later. Monies are sent in at the beginning of the calendar year so just identifying 3 is a safe measure for now.

Liability Insurance for Trips: MRSPA's attorney was contacted for a response about our protection from lawsuits and he suggested we purchase our own insurance. We can't be carried on MRSPA's and Gunther's insurance protects only Gunther, not us. Dixie will find out the cost from the current MRSPA carrier.

Timeframe/Ideas for Spring Networking Social: This was an idea suggested as a Recruitment and Retention Initiatives from the Leadership Retreat and Bonnie and Dixie are ready to plan it. Discussion ensued about a month, a time of day, who was to be invited (thinking of retiring, new retirees who haven't joined, current members, etc.) and possible locations. More details will follow.

New Business:

Executive Board Member Items: Statement in MRSPA's newsletter about membership recruitment and privacy concerns was reviewed. Discussion ensued about its inclusion in our newsletters also. (See agenda attached with full statement). It was agreed upon to do so.

Dates to Remember: Refer to attached Agenda and Calendar.

Adjournment -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn Doyle
Recording Secretary