

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Board of Education - Center IIB**  
**July 10, 2014**

**ATTENDANCE:** Charlie Gable, Alicia Hardisky, John Hammond, Millie Zipay, Bob Kanach, Carol Kirby, Carla Duls, Margaret Wolfe, Sandra Edmonds, Matilda Barckley, Karlie Everett, Phyllis Cherry, Anthony Anzalone, Barry Fader,

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Charlie Gable thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**PLEDGE:** Bob Kanach led the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES:** John Hammond presented the minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting. Corrected minutes were approved for filing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Alicia Hardisky presented the July'2014 treasurer's report of fund balances, including the Free School 2014 Account and Gunson 2014 Account balances. A check for \$870 was received from MRSPA for memberships and a check for \$3130 was received from the 21st Century Foundation for the scholarship fund. The report was approved and filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No report.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Charlie Gable extended a special thank you to Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett for co-chairing the Community Service Committee.

**REPORTS:**

**Legislation:** Virginia Crespo sent word that the MRSPA legislative workshop is scheduled for November 13, 2014. She also reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming elections.

**Archives / History:** Carla Duls is actively working on the archives and history. She reported that all but 8 reports were submitted and she took care of them. A new five year (2010 - 2015) supplement will be published in September, 2015. Arrangements will be made to print 100 copies. Carla also gave a brief history lesson with examples of past newsletters and the transition of our organization from its earlier days to the present.

**Constitution - By-Laws:** No report.

**Chorus:** Rick Wiles was absent but Margaret Wolfe reported the chorus does not perform in the summer but will be preparing for their Fall performances.

**Community Service:** Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett reported their newly formed committee met and they plan to re-capture the state recognition for Community Service. They have initiated a new initiative called "AARSPA from the Heart". The plan is for our members to bring items for distribution at the general membership luncheon/ meetings. Suggestions included "back to school supplies" for September, "non-perishable foods" for November, "clothing items" for February and a "book" in memory of a deceased member for the remembrance luncheon/ meeting in May. Another suggestion was to bring toiletry items for distribution to senior living facilities. Charlie Gable suggested that we "test the waters" by seeking some of the items instead of requesting all of the items. His thought was to make sure we don't overwhelm our members by asking for too much of a financial commitment which in turn might decrease attendance at the luncheons. Margaret Wolfe stated that the chorus performs at Senior Centers and that would not want to distribute toiletries. Millie Zipay said that she would deliver toiletries to a senior living facility. A review of past recognitions was provided. The committee plans to provide a form at the luncheon tables in order to gather information about member involvement in community service activities and to gather ideas for future endeavors. Barry Fader suggested some ideas such as "Relay for Life", "baked goods" for school staff, and "Special Olympics ". Karlie Everett thanked Bob Kanach for the graphic design provided by his daughter for the committee logo.

**Consumer Education:** Phyllis Cherry indicated she had no additional information to share.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Tony Anzalone reported his committee had their annual luncheon planning meeting. He shared a statistical breakdown of award recipients by area and urged his committee to broaden the awards throughout the entire school system. The committee will continue to target specific awards to match school initiatives such as "Reading Initiatives", etc. The nomination forms are located on the board web site and the forms have been distributed to all staff in the past. The committee tries to make their selections two months in advance.

**Finance/Budget:** Alicia Hardisky presented the proposed budget with adjustments to lines 7, 12, and 33. The budget will be reviewed and voted upon at our September 11, 2014 general membership luncheon/meeting. After receiving the next bank statements, Alicia will submit our financial records/books for financial review to Lois Sewell.

**Free School:** Bob Kanach reported nothing new to report on building maintenance. Karlie Everett reported tours and visitations have been slow compared to last year. She thanked all the members who assisted with processing the boxes of artifacts - Bob Kanach, Tony Anzalone, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, Carol Kirby and Karlie Everett. Kate Dinnell, the original archeologist has been a wealth of knowledge and support and has agreed to return on August 18, 2014 to continue processing the boxes of artifacts.

**Hospitality:** No report but the committee is taking care of business as usual.

**Membership:** Carol Kirby reported our membership stands at 1963 members. Some unpaid members will be extracted. We should end up with approximately 1920 members. Carol will obtain the new retirees addresses and encourage them to join. She anticipates sending out a membership letter around August 1, 2014. Even though new members receive their first year of membership free, 12 new retirees have already joined AARSPA.

**Remembrance:** Millie Zipay reported she purchased 4 - \$25 Hellas Restaurant certificates for \$79.99 at Costco. She will be looking for 4 certificates for an Annapolis area restaurant for the same amount of money. The new budget provides \$50 per luncheon/ meeting to buy gift cards for the three month Birthday Drawings. In addition, she has acquired some "free" Panera Restaurant certificates. The drawings will include the following: September - ( July, August, September), November - (October, November, December), February - (January, February, March), and May - (April, May, June). It was also decided by the board not to include non-members on the list of deceased members recognized during our annual "Remembrance Ceremony" held in May.

**Newsletter/ Informer:** August 1st is the next deadline for articles. The next one will be Volume 40, Issue #1. The deadline for Issue #2 will be September 26, 2014 which is a little earlier than normal but is necessary because the CATN luncheon will be held earlier than normal on November 6, 2014. A request was made by a member to advertise for volunteers to assist "home schooled" children. The board declined the request.

**Photography:** John Hammond will provide photography services as needed or requested.

**Pre-Retirement:** No report.

**Programs:** Charlie reported the " Joint Venture Quartet" will perform at the September luncheon/ meeting. Dr. Arlotto has been invited to speak at the November luncheon/ meeting. A presenter on "Senior Scams" will join us at the February luncheon/ meeting and entertainment will be provided by the "Crabtowne Combo".

**Public Relations:** Bob Kanach reported our web masters are continuing to update our web site.

**Raffle:** Sandra Edmonds reported her committee is changing from 3 tickets for \$1 to 2 tickets for \$1 in order to generate more funds.

**Scholarship:** Tillie Barckley reported AARSPA is expecting a check from the 21st Century Foundation in the amount of \$3130. She reviewed collections to date and verified we will offer 2 scholarships at this time through Scholarships for Scholars for 2015. The new contact person for the 21st Century Foundation is Carol Ann McCurdy.

**Travel:** Bob Kanach reported for Lou Kamm. The Delaware train trip is sold out and we have 16 people on the waiting list. The Christmas Show in Lancaster, Pennsylvania will cost \$103 per ticket and we only have 50 tickets for sale.

**United Seniors of Maryland:** No report.

**Nominations:** Barry Fader reported we have a full slate of officers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together "Spring 2015"** - At this point in time we do not have a volunteer host for next year's cocktail party/luncheon. Charlie Gable read a letter that he prepared that will be mailed to all of the Florida retirees. Hopefully the letter will encourage a Florida member to host the 2015 "Get - Together." The tentative dates are March 11-12, 2015. An update will be given at the September general membership luncheon/meeting at La Fontaine Bleu.

**New Superintendent:** Dr. George Arlotto was appointed as the new superintendent effective July 1, 2014. Charlie Gable sent a congratulatory card to Dr. Arlotto from AARSPA.

**MRSPA News / Updates:** MRSPA will be sponsoring a Leadership Workshop for Area II on October 2, 2014 and their annual Legislative Workshop in Annapolis is scheduled for November 13, 2014.

**AARSPA Calendar for 2014-2015:** Bob Kanach distributed an updated calendar.

**Dates To Remember:**

August 1, 2014 - Deadline for articles for "The Informer" - Due to Carla Duls

September 11, 2014 - General Business Meeting/Luncheon #1 - 10:30 AM  
La Fontaine Bleue.

October 9, 2014 - Executive Board Mtg. - BOE - Conference Room IIB - 10:00 AM

October 25, 2014 - Train Trip to Delaware

November 4, 2014 - Election Day

November 6, 2014 - General Membership Meeting/Luncheon - Cat-North - 10:30 AM

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 11:55 P.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
John Hammond, Assistant Recording Secretary**