

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Free School Museum
June 10, 2021 (In-person)

Attendees: Bob Kanach, Charlie Gable, Anthony Anzalone, Karlie Everett, Dixie Stack, Rick Wiles, Leslie Schell, Marge Smith, Deb Ahalt, Carolyn Smith, Zetta Hart

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The pledge to the flag was led by Rick Wiles

Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Zoom Meeting were presented and Dixie Stack made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Tillie Barckley. The minutes from April 7, 2021 were accepted by the group.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Kanach presented the updated treasurer's report. The Gunson Fund interest was added. Mr. Kanach reported that the books will be sent to the accountant. Charlie Gable made a motion to accept the report and Anthony Anzalone seconded the motion. The report was accepted by the group.

Committee Reports:

AARSPA Chorus, "Voices in Melody": The chorus is hoping to be back to rehearsals in September. Rick Wiles is working on the dates and time with the church. Music is being stored at the AACPS Warehouse and will need to be inventoried.

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Gibson was not in attendance, but sent an update to Rick Wiles. A request for change of address was sent to Leslie Schell. Congratulatory note sent to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Day for their recent induction into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. A congratulatory note was sent to Ms. Jing Dai who was named Teacher of the year in AACPS. Congratulatory notes were sent to the three recipients of the AARSPA scholarships: Cayla Haney, Chesapeake High School, Caroline Pallet, Chesapeake High School, Kaitlin Mummert, Severna Park High School.

Recording Secretary: Zetta Hart thanked members who have graciously edited the minutes.

Community Service/Consumer Education:

Community Service: Phyllis Cherry was not present. Rick Wiles shared that the committee had taken food and cash donations to the AA County Food Bank. Deb Ahalt shared information about the Alzheimer Walk Fundraiser on October 17, 2021. Ms. Ahalt reported that she has registered the "AARSPA From the Heart Team." If anyone is interested in walking or making a donation, the team can be found on the Alzheimer Walk website. A goal for this year has not yet been decided.

Consumer Education: No Report

Educator/Employee of the Month: Anthony Anzalone distributed a flyer with the names of educators and employees who received the Educator/Employee of the Month awards. There are many nominations now and there will need to be a committee to review the nominees when school begins this fall.

Free School Museum: Karlie Everett thanked Bob Kanach for his continued work on the Free School Museum maintenance. Bob and his wife, Mary Jo, conducted the annual spring cleaning. Furthermore, Bob does many small things around the building that frequently go unmentioned but create a user-friendly space.

Karlie shared that the museum is now part of the expanded Four Rivers Heritage Area. She showed existing brochures with sites in the 4RHA. Karlie needs to submit a form with information about the FSM for future 4RHA publications. This necessitated a discussion on the hours of operation for the FSM. It was decided that the FSM will follow AACPS guidelines for opening especially for school-aged groups. Tours will be arranged by appointment. Open Houses will resume in April-August 2022. Karlie has stayed in touch with the docents who conducted the open houses prior to the pandemic.

Additional publicity is being investigated. Deb Ahalt is supporting these efforts with digital photos, updating the Facebook page, and trying to get the word out about the FSM through various other media outlets.

Interest in the museum has been requested by several groups, (Girls Scouts, Homeschooled students, Historic Annapolis, Odenton Genial Genealogists, an AACPS teacher, a living history performer, etc.) who seem to be finding out about the FSM from our MD Day Weekend participation and from the DVD Tour that is posted on the AARSPA Facebook page.

Two groups actually participated in a tour of the FSM. One group was Millie Gardner's ADK sorority. They did a zoom meeting viewing the posted DVD. The second actual tour was for Katie Dentler, lead docent, from Linthicum Walks. After this tour, Karlie visited the LW site. Karlie and Katie are working on an event on the same day, probably in the fall, that will highlight both sites.

Historian and Editor of the Informer: The Informer deadline for the next issue is August 1, 2021. Annual committee reports are due the first week of July.

Legislative: No Report

Membership: Leslie Schell reported that MRSPA has drafted an agreement that can be used by local groups. Groups can use the agreement, with edits, to get information from their school systems about current retirees. Howard County developed the draft and shared it with their attorney for approval. Hopefully, this will help us get the information from AACPS Human Resources. Ms. Schell stated we need to have a better relationship with the BOE. It was suggested that AARSPA appear at some board meetings to share the many things we do for schools and communities.

Renewal forms have been sent out to AARSPA members who are not currently up-to-date with their membership dues. Ms. Schell shared an address change form that she would like to appear in our Informer. This will help with our membership records.

In July, a list of new retirees who agreed to be contacted by AARSPA will come from Human Resources. Ms. Schell would like to include our scholarship fundraiser flyers with the information she will send to these new retirees. She also suggested that we consider a luncheon meeting on the Eastern Shore to accommodate our members living there. Bob Kanach will look into this.

Pre-retirement: No Report

Program: Dixie Stack and Charlie Gable will discuss the program for this year in July. Bob Kanach reported that he has been in contact with Kurtz Beach for our September meeting since we will not use CAT-N this year.

Publicity: Deb Ahalt reported she has been publishing information and photos on Facebook to share the AARSPA activity. It is helpful when others share her posts.

Raffle: No Report

Remembrance and Sunshine: No Report

Scholarship: Tillie Barckley confirmed the two fundraisers planned for June and August, Brian Boru on June 23, 2021 and Garry's Grill on August 12, 2021. Ms. Barckley reported that donations have been coming in as a memorial or to honor someone. Tillie shared a note she received from one of our previous scholarship winners.

Trips and Travel: Lucy Travers has recruited a co-chair for her committee, Carolyn Smith. Carolyn Smith has checked with several bus companies for trips that are currently have scheduled. The pandemic is still impacting these companies. Lucy and Carolyn are planning a Dec. trip. They would like one this fall. Lucy and Carolyn are meeting to discuss this possibility. They will keep us informed.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: No New Business

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Dates to Remember	
Thursday, July 8, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting at Free School Museum If weather not permitting via Zoom
Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 3-8 p.m.	Scholarship Fund Raiser at Brian Boru
Thursday, August 12, 2021, 3-8 p.m.	Scholarship Fundraiser at Garry's Grill
Sunday, October 17, 2021	Alzheimer Walk Fundraiser

Respectfully Submitted,
Zetta Hart