

**AARSPA**  
**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Minutes**  
**Renditions Golf**  
**May 10, 2018**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:33 by Dixie Stack, Co-President.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge to flag was led by Barry Fader, Past President.

**Greetings and Special Introductions:** Dixie Stack welcomed the following:

- First time members Kate Gilbert, Debbie LeBon and Sue Murray
- Emeritus members Ethel Bohle, Mary Etta Dorr, Jeanne Hartge, Mary Ruth Tereshinski and Jean Trott (Herb Sappington was unable to attend)
- Our 2018 Scholarship Winners and their family members will be joining us later this morning:
  - Autumn Allen – scholar, Old Mill High School with parents Lauren Ward Allen and Edward Allen
  - Celina Owens – scholar, Old Mill High School with her parents Damita Strong Owens and Nia Owens, her sister.
  - Jessica Thompson – scholar, Southern High School with her parents Anne Thompson and Michael Thompson
  - Alyssa Frostbutter- scholar, Arundel High was unable to attend today.
- Our Guest Speaker, Tim Dangel – Peer Learning Partnership

**Overview of Activities:** A short overview of the day's activities was presented as listed on the attached agenda.

**Remembrance Service:** Service was led by Millie Gardner who led the Prayer and the Inspirational Reading. Our chorus, *Voices in Melody*, under the direction of Judy Engelmeyer and accompanied by Joyce Nellenbach sang the hymn "Brother James's Air."

The Resolution was read aloud and members lined up to pick up a flower and place it in a vase when the name of a recently deceased (5/1/17-4/30/18) AARSPA member's name was read aloud. When all of the deceased members were honored, the **Conclusion of the Resolution was read and asked to be recorded into the minutes of this business meeting with a copy to be sent to the AACPS Scholarship Committee.** (Memorial Service resolution and list of

deceased members was available at each person's table and included with the minutes of this meeting.) Our chorus ended the service with the Hymn "May You Always have a Song."

**Approval of the Minutes from the February 8, 2018 General Membership Meeting:** Minutes were attached to the agenda and Bonnie Schmeltz asked if there were any corrections or questions. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosemary Biggart, Treasurer, presented the budget update, summarizing our funds are just a little behind this same time last year. Questions were welcomed. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Vote was taken and the report was unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Florida Debriefing:** Bonnie Schmeltz summarized the recent Florida trip and shared a hostess for next March has already been determined.

**Community Service:** Phyllis Cherry, Chairperson, thanked members for their past and current donations. She reported that the donations support the needy of AA County and places like Sarah's House and other homeless shelters. The books collected today will be given to new teachers for use in their first classroom and to the STAR program for first thru third graders who are not reading on level.

**Free School:** Karlie Everett, Chairperson, reported the Open House Tour Season is now in progress and is scheduled April-August on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and Sunday of each month. The Free School was established in 1724 and it is believed it is the oldest one room school house still standing. She also thanked her Docents and School Marm volunteers and invited members to stop by or call to schedule a group tour. Bob Kanach also reported the roof replacement progress and its delay due to the wrong shingles being ordered.

**Voices in Melody:** Rick Wiles, Chairperson, reported there are now 32 members and 3 members died within the past few months. A donation in honor of the 3 deceased members was made to the Scholarship Fund. He also summarized their concert schedule and encouraged members to join, even if they think they don't sing well.

**Legislation Committee:** Virginia Crespo, Chairperson, was absent. Charlie Gable spoke about the recent legislative session and a few of the new laws passed such as the one permitting MD residents to itemize on their state taxes, pharmacy benefit managers are being monitored, pharmacists can now tell customers about generic drugs comparable to the prescribed drugs. As for our pension, it is funded 70% and by 2023, it should be 80% funded. Members should also expect a 2.13 COLA, one of the largest in recent years. He also stressed the importance of voting in the upcoming primary election.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tillie Barckley led her cheer for the word M..I..N...T. She explained its relevancy for members' **commitment**, **involvement**, **encouragement** and **investment** in education, and its impact on life. She also thanked members again for their generosity. Donations were also encouraged to be placed in the envelope on each table. Checks can be made to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Foundation Inc. or to AARSPA, and cash is accepted. She also thanked the members of the Scholarship Committee.

**Remembrance/Sunshine Committee:** Millie Gardner, Chairperson, reminded everyone who had an April, May or June birthday to be certain they have a ticket for a chance to win one of several prizes in the drawing after lunch.

**Trips and Travel Committee:** Lucy Travers, Chairperson, reviewed the upcoming trips, such as the D.C. trip to the African American Museum in October, 2018 Gaylord and ICE in December, 2018 and Cape May in May 2019. Details will be in the Informer as dates near for registration.

**New Business Items from Members:** None

**Guest Speaker:** Tim Dangel, discussed the Peer Learning Partnership Program and booklets were on each table for reference. He stressed this is a program for our age group and includes field trips, classes, courses, discussion groups, etc. Everyone involved is a volunteer and many of the activity leaders are sharing interests and hobbies totally different than their area of employment. He referred to specific pages in the booklets and welcomed questions during lunch and after the meeting.

**Break and Conversation from 11:44 until lunch was served.**

**Luncheon**

**Special Announcement:** At 12:47 p.m., Bonnie Schmeltz presented Karlie Everett with a special volunteer recognition certificate from AARP and AARSPA.

**Birthday Drawing Winners:** Tickets were drawn from the birthday ticket basket and Millie Gardner asked the birthday drawing winners to come up front and collect their gift.

**50-50 Drawing Winner:** \$324 was collected and half of that amount awarded to the lucky ticket holder. Millie Gardner was the lucky winner and she donated the entire amount to the Scholarship Fund.

**Election of Officers for 2018-2019:** Dixie Stack presented the nominees for each position and asked for any additional nominees from the floor. No additional nominees were presented.

**Installation of Officers for 2018-2019:** Officers were sworn it by Carla Duls from MRSPA/AARSPA.

**Officers are:**

**Co-Presidents:** Bonnie Schmeltz and Dixie Stack

**President Elect:** Rick Wiles

**Past President:** Barry Fader

**Treasurer:** Max Muller

**Assistant Treasurer:** Bob Kanach

**Recording Secretary:** Sharyn Doyle

**Assistant Secretary:** Zetta Hart

**Introduction of the 2018 AARSPA Scholarship Winners:** Each Scholarship winner came up and spoke briefly about their future plans, thanked members for their gift and thanked their parents and family for their support.

**Scholarship Collection Report:** Tillie Barckley announced the scholarship collection results. A total of \$1208 was collected, including the 50/50 raffle.

**Adjournment:** Dixie Stack asked for a motion to adjourn. A first and second motion to adjourn were made. A vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous vote to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m. followed by entertainment by the Voices in Melody.

Respectively submitted  
Sharyn Doyle  
Recording Secretary