

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
November 10, 2022
Renditions Golf Course**

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Co-President Gable. (Late start was due to an accident at the road leading into Renditions.)

Pledge to the Flag Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings and Introductions Co-President Gable reviewed the agenda and explaining the format of the meeting. He welcomed the new members. No Emeritus Member was present.

First Time Members: Don Bailey, Deborah Henson, Mary Jane Knode and Tom Leary
Members of "Voices in Melody"

Guest Speaker: Charles Whittaker, Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, CATN

Recognition of Veterans who are present (Veterans Day is November 11, 2022)

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force and National Guard

Musical Selections Voices in Melody performed as led by Judy Engelmeyer and all members were encouraged to sing along. A "Patriotic Sing-a-Long sheet was distributed.

Business Meeting

Overview of Today's Activities

Committee Reports

Guest Speaker: Charles Whittaker

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the September 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Annette Smith and seconded by Brenda Hurbanis. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Max Muller presented the treasurer's report orally and with no print outs. He reported we have \$17,969 towards our 4 scholarships of \$5000 each and he is confident will meet the goal of \$20,000. Overall, the organization is fine financially. Dixie Stack made a motion to accept the report. Linda Poole seconded the motion. The membership accepted the report as presented.

Committee Reports Co-President Ahalt now led the meeting

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported there are now 35 members in the chorus 2 men and the rest women. The schedule of 4 holiday concerts was reviewed and members were invited to attend any and all of the concerts.

Consumer Education/Community Service

A report for the committee was given by Phyllis Cherry. Members were told about upcoming Zoom events by MRSPA on a variety of topics such as Protecting Your Nest Egg and Senior Living Alternatives. She also referenced the Consumer Connection Newsletter on the MRSPA website.

Members were thanked for their generous donations of canned goods and pet items and Phyllis shared her pride of our generosity and of sharing these items with the Annapolis Food Bank and the animal shelter.

Free School Museum

Karlie Everett gave the report on the Free School. April is Open House and more docents are needed. AARSPA new member Don Bailey has already volunteered to become a docent, yet more are needed. MD Day Celebration will be April 2nd from 1-4 p.m. The 300th anniversary will be celebrated on October 26th and on the 28th, students will afforded the opportunity to experience school starting back in 1723, into the 1800's through modern times. Toys, firs readers, chalkboards, etc. will be available for use.

Historian/Newsletter

Carla Duls presented our history book from 2015-2021. Members were invited to take a copy from one of the boxes on the front table. She presented each of the Presidents from these years with their very own copy.

Informer deadline dates were presented with 12/28 as the deadline for the January issue and the February deadline will be listed in the January issue.

Membership

The membership report was given by Leslie Schell. She reported we have 169 members who are only local, 69 Emeritus who are local and MRSPA joined, 53 members died this year of 2022 and 52 members failed to renew. Letters are being sent to those non-renewals and it is hoped they will rejoin. Members were reminded that they are the Membership Committee and we are down 100 members due to the deaths and the non-renewals...She is just the database keeper.

Pre-Retirement

Susan Baugher reported that a Spring Pre-Retirement session is being planned and AARSPA will be presenting as will Social Security and the Dept. of Aging.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner reminded the group about the birthday drawing and encouraged members having birthdays in October, November and December to add their names. She reminded members that her committee sends out get well cards, Anniversary cards for years ending in multiples of 5 and Emeritus birthday cards. She also shared photo of Lou Thomas in his first teaching job that his daughter found as she cleared out his house after his death. Members were welcomed to see it during the break.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley provided the committee report. There will be four \$5,000 scholarships this year. Her cheer was *P-U-R-P-O-S-E D-R-I-V-E-N* as she thanked members for their continuing support of this fund with our donations in the yellow envelopes on each table and the 50/50 raffle. She also reminded members about the Killarney House Irish Restaurant in Davidsonville event on the 29th of this month where we can earn \$10 of every \$30 fixed menu item available.

Trips and Travel

Carolyn Smith reported "It's a Wonderful Life" at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia, on December 7th, still has room on the bus and show tickets for anyone still interested. Our budget will be able to offset this event in case of a loss. Future events are being discussed such as the successful Potomac Train Ride.

Bob Kanach also reported on the upcoming possible Florida trip to Venice Florida with Bob Wagner and his wife's support after further investigation into hotels, tourist areas, etc.

Old Business

Co-President Gable called for any old business. There was no old business to report.

New Business

Bob Kanach discussed the February 9th Meeting/Luncheon at Yellow Fin Restaurant with a snow date of the 16th and warned members there are steps and no elevator. He also explained places like the Blue Dolphin have raised their prices to the extent our price would have been \$45 and the Yellow Fin is closer to our current cost. He also welcomed suggestions from members of other restaurants where we could hold our meetings.

Guest Speaker Charles Whittaker, Anne Arundel County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, CATN was next introduced by Co-President Gable. Mr. Whittaker shared his background as a low achiever, his variety of jobs such as custodian at Glen Burnie Park Elementary, a retail sales person, an HVAC

mechanic, a drop out of college with 105 credits, etc. After 30 years or more, he finished his degree and went on to earn his Master's in Business Administration. (He is 73 years old.) He also spoke about the importance of schools like CATN and his commitment to helping students as he was helped by one particular teacher.

Lunch was served

Announcements

Birthday Drawing: October, November, December raffle winners were awarded

Raffle Drawing: The 50/50 Winner earned one half of the \$265 collected and the winner was Millie who returned the money to the Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Report: \$1063 total for scholarship fund was collected.

Adjournment: The meeting be adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Dates to Remember	
November 29	Scholarship Committee Fundraiser at Killarney House Pub, Davidsonville
December 7	Toby's Dinner Theatre –“It's a Wonderful Life”
January 10, 2023	Executive Board Meeting – 10 AM – Board of Education, Center 2A
MRSPA Legislative Workshop	TBD
February 9, 2023 (Snow date Feb 16)	General Membership Meeting/Luncheon – Yellow Fin Restaurant

Respectfully submitted
Sharyn Doyle, Substitute Recording Secretary