

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Board of Education - Center III**  
**April 11, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:** Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Pat Ericson, Karlie Everett, Matilda Barckley, Susie Jablinske, Millie Zipay, Max Muller, Mary Dunlap, Joel Drapalski, Virginia Crespo, Lone Williams & Tony Anzalone.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

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

**MINUTES:** John Hammond presented the minutes from the February 7, 2013 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Alicia Hardisky presented the March treasurer's report of fund balances. The report was approved and filed for audit.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** No report.

**REPORTS:**

**Legislation:** Virginia Crespo reported the legislative luncheon went well in spite of the weather. She reviewed legislative initiatives during the last session and directed everyone to review the list on the MRSPA web site. The big win was for the shift from pension corridor funding to actuarial funding by 2027. Doing so will rebalance the retirement system and save Maryland's AAA bond rating.

**Archives / History:** Carla is working on the archives and history. She needs everyone's end of year committee reports by June 13, 2013.

**Constitution - By-Laws:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Chorus:** Lone gave a status report on the chorus. The chorus will perform at the luncheon at Renditions.

**Community Service:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Consumer Education:** No report. We need a committee chair.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Tony Anzalone reported the selection committee members are meeting regularly and actively working on nominations. The committee is working on aligning nominations each month according to monthly topics such as Reading, Food Service, Pupil Services. The intent would be to select a nominee who works in the field which is being highlighted by the BOE.

**Finance/Budget:** Alicia Hardisky reported that she will be setting up a committee meeting in June to develop a budget for next year.

**Free School:** Bob and Karlie commended Marie and Joe Diamond for organizing this year's clean-up crew. Bob reported on the roof situation and contractor responses to repair the roof. Max suggested we may want to postpone the roof repairs based on the different opinions of the contractors. Karlie gave an update on recent tour groups and also shared her disappointment for the low turnout of volunteers to be trained as docents and school marms. We still need school marms and docents. She is working on a new brochure with updated pictures for distribution and sending press releases to the local media regarding schedule open houses. The school will be open the 2nd weekend of each month on Saturday & Sunday from April thru August. A volunteer coverage sheet was distributed for sign-ups. Karlie and Bob reviewed their plans for meeting with elementary principals on Thursday, April 18, 2013 to distribute Chip Adomanis's free school booklet and hopefully the new brochure about the free school with the hopes of encouraging elementary student visitations. In appreciation for Chip's donation of the booklets, it was suggested that we invite him to a future luncheon to recognize his very generous donation.

**Hospitality:** Millie Zipay reported her committee is sending birthday cards to emeritus members as a way of keeping in touch with them throughout the year. Millie also made a suggestion that the traditional "birthday" gift table be changed to a raffle of luncheon gift certificates for members who celebrated recent birthdays. The suggestion was well received by the executive board.

**Membership:** Carol Kirby reported our membership continues to hold at 1900. We have 11 new members since March 1, 2013. She is sending a flyer as an insert in the next newsletter to remind members who received a year's free membership to send in their \$15 dues for the next year.

**Remembrance:** A memorial activity is scheduled for the May meeting/luncheon at Renditions for those members who passed away during the past year.

**Newsletter/ Informer:** A group will be gathered to prepare the newsletters for mailing on April 12th. August 1st is the next deadline for articles.

**Photography:** John Hammond will provide photography services as needed. It was suggested that we may want to post pictures of members participating in AARSPA activities on our web

site as a way of generating interest to visit our web site. Max Muller will check with MRSPA to see if they have experienced any problems from posting member pictures on their web site.

**Pre-Retirement:** Joel Drapalski reported the spring meeting is scheduled for April 13th at Severna Park High School. Over 200 participants have signed up to attend.

**Programs:** Virginia Crespo suggested we may want to re-visit the entertainment portion of the luncheon and try to involve more students as entertainers. She also suggested that we may want to cut back on the time allocated for the entertainment in order to allow more time for socialization among attendees. Some members also felt we should consider making a change away from Michael's and perhaps try the Blue Dolphin in Crofton, Md. Bob shared a thought to move the March luncheon to January and have the Florida luncheon in March.

**Public Relations:** Bob reported the web site is running well.

**Raffle:** No report. Max Muller had MRSPA raffle tickets for sale.

**Scholarship:** Karlie reported we have collected a total of \$12,207.50 to date which will enable us to award three scholarships. She has compared our accounts with the 21st Century accounts and we are in sync. The scholarship committee met and submitted four nominees to Scholarships for Scholars and they have responded with the names of the three recipients who will receive the awards at the awards ceremony at the Chesapeake Arts Center in April. The recipients are: Victoria McDermott, Southern H.S., Ann Gillergan, St. Mary's H.S., and Sarah Crouse, South River H.S.

**Travel:** Bob reported that the Cherry Blossom/Cruise was a big success even though the blossoms were not in bloom due to cool weather. A Crab Feast/Cruise in Hurlock, Md. for September at \$80 per ticket is scheduled and only 50 tickets will be available. They are also organizing a musical at the Hippodrome for the holidays - "White Christmas" and exploring additional shows/concerts/trips.

**United Seniors of Maryland:** Susie Jablinske reported she did not have a recent newsletter for distribution but did distribute a very useful brochure titled: Maryland Access Point which provides a listing of links to health and support services.

**Nominations:** We need official nominees for Recording Secretary.

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

**Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together:** Bob reported the importance of maintaining the annual meeting/luncheon in Florida and the strong support received from the Florida retirees. Charlie Gable is communicating with Shirley Phillips in the Sarasota area to see if she will sponsor the event. The Naples retirees (Joanne Hogan, Jeanne Jones and Alice Roth) are also willing to help.

**Michael's Luncheon:** Bob shared information concerning the mix-up with some of the luncheon payment checks for the luncheon and to date has received \$1700 from members to pay for their March luncheon. Bob and Pat will be working together on future luncheon reservations.

**Important Dates:**

April 13th - Pre-Retirement Seminar - SPSHS - 8:00 A.M.

May 9th - General Membership Luncheon Mtg. - Renditions Golf Course - 10:30 A.M.

May 14th - MRSPA Annual Business Mtg. - Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, Md. - 8:00 A.M.

June 13th - Exec. Board Mtg. - "The Free School" - 10:00 A.M.

July 11th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building - Center 3, 10:00 A.M.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 11:25 A.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John Hammond, Recording Secretary**