

**AARSPA**  
**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Minutes**  
**Blue Dolphin Restaurant, Gambrills**  
**February 11, 2016**

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 10:30 by Barry Fader, President who presented the agenda for the day.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** pledge to flag done by Charlie Gable

**Special introductions done by Barry Fader:**

Emeritus members including Mary Ella Dorr, Frances Middleton and Herb Sappington  
Past Presidents in attendance included Charles Gable, Alicia Hardesty, Estelle Johnson, Bob Kanach, and Ken Nichols

9 first timers were also welcomed by Mr. Fader

**Overview of Activities:** Barry Fader presents a short overview of the day's activities

**Treasurer's report:** Rosemary Biggart presented budget update. Update approved

**Corresponding Secretary:** no report available

**Recording Secretary's report:** Bonnie Schmeltz thanked for taking minutes from last general meeting. Report approved.

**AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody:** no report.

**Community Service/Education Committee:** Committee thanks those who contributed the items for the school health rooms. Toiletries will be used for homeless events. Books will be collected at next general membership meeting. They will be given to the Stanton Center

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Tony Anzalone announced that there will be a recognition of AARSPA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year at the School Board meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00AM

**Free School Committee:** there will be open house held on the second Saturdays and second Sundays in April, May and June. The date for the grounds cleanup is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Email Bob Kanach or Karlie Everett for further details.

**Going Green:** Mr. Fader discusses the importance of accessing the newsletter on line. Please update email addresses. Cost containment and efficiency is needed.

**Historian and AARSPA Informer:** Carla Duls thanks Carol Kirby and her husband for labelling and mailing the newsletter. She asks that members submit "spotlight" articles that highlight classroom experiences. Copies of the organization's history are available.

**Legislation:** no report

**Membership committee:** No report

**Pre-Retirement Committee:** next pre-retirement meeting on 4/16/16 at Annapolis H.S.

**Program Committee:** Mr. Gable reviewed the upcoming calendar of events that are attached to agenda.

**Publicity Committee:** Chairperson Position filled today – Debbie Aholt

**Raffle Committee:** raffle tickets are available for the 50/50 drawing. Contributions today = \$93.50 toward scholarship.

**Remembrance Committee:** Memorial service will be at final general membership meeting of the year May 12<sup>th</sup> at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville. Reminder – please inform committee of any situations that may require acknowledgement.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tillie Barckley shares that the scholarship is devoted to providing support to young aspiring students who choose to enter the education field. She shares the "Heart of a Devoted Teacher." Contributions can be through cash donations or by a check to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational Foundation. Total donations from luncheon = \$528.00 + \$93.50 (raffle)= \$621.50 Scholarship Collection.

**Trips and Travel Committee:** Lou Kamm is presently ill and unable to attend today. Final arrangements for annual trip to Florida are set. Upcoming trip on May 18<sup>th</sup> aboard the Watermark Cruises to view the Chesapeake Light houses is discussed. There will be two bus pick up stops. Please check the "Informer" for more details.

**United Seniors of Maryland:** Susie Jablonski shared that there will be a House of Delegates luncheon on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 in room 218 in House Office Building. This is an opportunity to share ideas and concerns with elected officials. It was a successful event last year.

**New Business:** There has been a bylaw clarification AARSPA can be considered a 501C-4 organization, i.e. a social association. Further discussion/clarification will take place at the next general membership meeting and a vote will be taken to change language.

**Guest Speaker:** Faye Morrow, Office of Volunteerism. AACVC is a connector organization. It provides information on agencies where individuals can share their skills and passions with others. What skills and/or passions are you exploring in retirement? AACVC can connect you to the right agency. Information is pushed out through the website.

AACVC collaborates with RSVP and Partners in Care to match volunteer opportunities for volunteers over 55. There are connections to schools through school partnerships such as Conflict Resolution Center and Seeds 4 Success.

April is National Volunteer Month. Throughout the year there is a spotlight on the military and their families. November is considered the "Month of Gratitude." During that month there is a story each day on social media covering the role of a volunteer in someone's life.

**Dates to remember:** upcoming meetings and events found on last page of luncheon agenda and in the "Informer."