

**ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board Meeting

January 11, 2018

Center 2 A, BOE Building

**Attendance:** Dixie Stack, Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, Rosemary Biggart, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, John Salwach, Tillie Barckley, Carol Kirby, Carla Duls, Brenda Gibson, Phyllis Cherry, Sandra Edmonds, Karlie Everett, Charles Gable, Ken Nichols, Virginia Crespo, Lucy Travers, and Sharyn Doyle

Special Guests: Janet Williams, Area II North Director, MRSPA and Wanda Twigg, Executive Director, MRSPA.

**Call to Order:** Co-President Dixie Stack called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Pledge to the Flag:** Charlie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of the January 11, 2018 Executive Board Meeting:** Sharyn had emailed them out earlier and printed copies were available. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rosemary Biggart distributed the Treasurer's Report dated April 12, 2018 and reported that we are fine, about the same place in spending as last year at this time. We also continue to accumulate interest on our PNC account.

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"** - Rick reported appreciation for including the dates of their performances on our calendar. One member recently died and donations will be forthcoming in her honor. Currently there are 35 members with the recent addition of 2 members.

**Corresponding Secretary-** Brenda reported that she was sending thank you notes to our guest speakers from the November General Membership Meeting and Luncheon and to the people who presented at the Legislative Workshop. She also sent Happy New Year and Congratulations notes to our scholarship winners.

**Recording Secretary:** No report at this time.

**Community Service/Education Committee:** AARSPA members are being recognized for their community service. School supplies, animal foods/supplies and toiletries collected were delivered to their recipient locations and appreciation/gratitude extended for the gifts. She also reported that we have donated more than 500 books to local schools, thanks to the generosity of our members. Her committee is going to present extra books to the professional development office for distribution at the New Teachers' Workshop. Brenda also shared the STAIR program for which she volunteers and explained the benefits to

young readers. Phyllis will meet with her after the meeting to obtain the contact information.

It was also reported that the recent Walk for Alzheimer was successful and more support was needed. A new sponsorship project for members has been developed to encourage more donations for the walk next year. Carla reported on the thank you notes from the Lighthouse, YWCA and Sarah's House for the donated books and passed the notes around for viewing by Board members.

This committee is now also providing Volunteers Needed opportunities for various organizations and projects supported by AARSPA and a special section on our website has been developed for this information. There will also be a few people nominated for the Senior Hall of Fame.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Tony was absent and had relayed to Dixie the committee was continuing to have ample nominations for Educator and Employee of the month.

**Free School:** Karlie distributed statistics on visitors to the Free School and reported on the visiting groups. Mr. Shuler from AACPS was now copying historic files from Mr. Sappington's notes on file in the Free School. Almost 400 books, highlighting the history of the Free School are now available for distribution at no cost per book versus the \$10 fee charged in the past. Many possible sites for distribution and ideas for the distribution were discussed. The need for more Docents still exist and volunteers are welcome to sign up for training in February. Bob reported on the status of roof repairs. Estimates have been coming in ranging from \$64-98,000 and AACPS did not allow that amount of money for this project. Bob offered assistance using the Gunson funds. He will keep us updated.

**Going Green-** Bob had no report at this time.

#### **Historian & Editor of the Informer**

**Historian:** Carla welcomed any program from any event any member attended representing AARSPA to be added to the Archives. She was now adding the Senior Hall of Fame program which has our paid ad in it.

**Editor of the Informer:** The deadline for the next issue of the Informer is February 12<sup>th</sup> so we can be certain to include future trips cut off dates and the end-of-year committee reports.

**United Seniors of Md Representative:** Carla is currently on the Task Force on Long Term Care and there is a great need to educate the younger people.

#### **Legislative Committee:** Virginia reported

Virginia also reminded Board members about the USM rally on January 17<sup>th</sup> when there are usually more than 500 seniors in attendance, yet not once since he was elected, has Governor Hogan ever come to speak with us or including seniors in his State of the State message. Board members attending can be reimbursed for the \$15 registration fee. Being an election year, more bills are expected to be presented. Overriding of the Governor's veto on the Family Leave Act, long term care premium caps and tax credits are just a few of the topics to be included. Board members were reminded about the February 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative luncheon in Room 180 in the House office Building from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and costs of attendance to be covered with our funds.

**Membership:** Carol reported we are about the same in membership and the Informer is delayed in mailing due to a Print Shop error. Carla also distributed business cards with “elevator points” for review and further discussion by the Publicity and Membership committees.

**Pre-Retirement-** John reported he is waiting to hear about the next date and location for the seminar.

**Program:** Charlie reported Anthony Spencer will be our guest speaker at the February General Membership Meeting and Luncheon. Music by the Crabtowne Big Band Quartet will be played during the meal.

**Publicity Committee:** Debbie reported the new Facebook page is up.

**Raffle:** Sandy reminded members there will be a 50/50 raffle at our February General Membership Meeting and Luncheon. She too has raffles for MRSPA to sell.

**Remembrance & Sunshine:** Millie reported receipt of several thank you notes for anniversary and birthday cards. She also invited us to the BUNCO event in April, with more information to follow.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tillie thanked everyone for their continued support and shared thank you notes from several Emeritus members for the homemade donated lap quilts that were given to them at our last General Membership Meeting and Luncheon. More expected for our next meeting.

**Trips & Travel Committee:** Lucy reported on the spring trip for May 16<sup>th</sup> Back Road to Freedom Tour: the Harriet Tubman Story. Many members shared their experience with the recent Winterthur trip. Fifteen signed up so far for the upcoming Florida trip also. The committee meets on the 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss more trips and suggestions are welcomed.

## **Old Business**

By Laws Chairperson is now Ken Nichols and he was thanked and welcomed. He asked if there were any particular by laws that we wish to be reviewed and there was no response at this time.

## **New Business**

Our guest, Wanda Twigg, presented an overview of the MRSPA website, its various sections such as Abenity benefits and welcomed questions.

Webmaster William Brose gift of appreciation was discussed and a monetary gift was not possible due to MRSPA attorney response which was distributed. The gift of inviting him and his wife Bonnie to our February luncheon at the Blue Dolphin, near his Bowie home, was agreed upon and Sharyn was to follow up, notifying Bob of the menu preferences.

**Dates to Remember: Refer to Agenda**

**Adjournment** -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn Doyle  
Recording Secretary