

**AARSPA**  
**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**July 11, 2019**  
**Center 2A, BOE**

**Attendance:** Bonnie Schmeltz, Dixie Stack, Millie Gardner, Tillie Barckley, Karlie Everett, Anthony Anzalone, Leslie Schell, Carol Kirby, Max Muller, Rick Wiles, Carla Duls, Phyllis Cherry, Zetta Hart, Lucy Travers, Barry Fader, Charlie Gable, Louise DeJesu, Robert Kanach, Sharyn Doyle, Brenda Gibson, John Salwach, Brenda Gibson

**Call to Order:** Rick Wiles, President, called Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Barry Fader led the pledge to the flag

**Minutes of the June 13, 2019 Executive Board Meeting:** Minutes from this meeting were distributed to the board through email and names were corrected and then approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Max Muller presented a budget update to date. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed to the board members. He presented several questions/concerns for the group:

1. **Scholarship:** \$21,393 of scholarship money was carried over to the new budget year. There is \$5,000+ for the 2020 scholarships was moved to the next budget.
2. **Free School:** The budget for the Free School adjusted. The auditor should receive copies of all expenditures.

**Voices in Melody:** Barry Fader reported that they received \$520 in donations this year. He shared that this amount was less than previous years. The group will need to order more supplies. Eight concerts are scheduled and Rick Wiles will send the dates to Bob Kanach.

**Newsletter:**

Carol and Bob discussed the need for additional funds for the Newsletter. The cost of printing and postage has increased. \$4,650 for this will be proposed. The postage fund will be increased to \$4,000.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Brenda Gibson shared thank you notes from Bonnie Schmeltz and Dixie Stack.

**Community Service:**

1. Several board members volunteered time at the Scholastic Warehouse. The books that were collected will be distributed at new teacher orientation. 95% of the books came from donations for working in the warehouse. Any remaining books will be given to Sarah's House or a hospital ward. Board members requested more information about volunteering at Scholastic. The link will be sent for others to sign up. This project will be submitted for community service award.
2. Any school supplies collected at the first membership meeting will be given to Maryland City or Tyler Heights.
3. October 20, 2019 is the Alzheimer's Walk in Annapolis. The committee will investigate putting this information on the AACPS website.

4. Senior Citizen Award nominations will be taken at next meeting.
5. Little Free Library committee will ask questions of a Little Free Library expert from SoMLA. Each library must have a steward to maintain the libraries. It was decided to table this issue for a while.
6. Emergency shower kits were prepared and delivered to a shelter. 10 male and 10 female kits were made. Sharon Doyle has a large bag of toiletries and will also put together several bags.

**Consumer Education:** This committee has acquired the medicine bottles for the refrigerator and will be distributed at the first luncheon meeting.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:**

1. A handout was provided for the board with the names of people on The Maryland Citizens Hall of Fame luncheon for AARTA/AARSPA is October 24, 2019.
  - a. \$725 is required for this event.
  - b. Families of the nominees will be accommodated first, then board members.
  - c. Check for the event should be sent to the event sponsor.
  - d. Approximately 3 tables are needed and 6 tickets.
2. Employees nominated for Educator of the month will be kept for a year and then removed. It is hoped that all schools will participate by submitting nominations from their school.

**Free School:**

1. Karlie Everett reported that it has been quiet this month at the Free School. There are more detours in the area that may contribute to the slow month. Karlie will also go out to the community and investigate the detours.
2. It was discussed that several of the books at the school should be placed behind glass to preserve them.
3. Bob Kanach reported that some window glass needs to be replaced and is trying to get the exterior painted.

**Going Green:** Nothing new to report.

**Historian/ Editor of Informer:** Carla Duls stated that any information for The Informer should be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Legislative:** Sharyn Doyle shared that the MRSPA Legislative Workshop is Wednesday, November 13, 2019. It is tentatively scheduled in the Miller Senate Office Building, Room West 1 & 2 starting at 10:00 a.m.

**Membership:**

1. AACPS Human Resources will not provide addresses for new retirees.
2. There will be a check box to opt out on the new retiree forms.
3. It was suggested that extra copies of The Informer and ask HR to put address labels on them.
4. A board member reported that other groups are not getting the contact information for new retirees.
5. It was suggested that we get the contact information from the state when the retirees opt for auto-deduction on their checks.
6. There are approximately 240 retirees this year.
7. 51 locals have not renewed this year
8. 15 people passed away and need to be removed from the website.
9. AARSPA will send out one hard copy or electronic copy of our newsletter.

**Pre-Retirement:** John Salwach reported that some individuals have delayed retirement due to the up-coming raises and steps. The next meetings will be October 19, 2019 and April 4, 2020.

**Program:** Charles Gable and Others

1. The Benefits Office will be at our September luncheon

2. The Superintendent is scheduled for November. He has another meeting that day, but try to work around the meeting.
3. 2020 is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for AARSPA and 75<sup>th</sup> for the state organization. An event could be planned to celebrate in May.

**Publicity:** Our Facebook page has more likes and shares. Please send tips to be posted.

**Raffle:** Sandra Edmonds has recruited Louise DeJesu to assist her with the raffle committee.

**Remembrance and Sunshine:** Millie Gardner shared that their budget allotment for this year was increased, but they still need more funds because committee members are not being reimbursed. Linda Poole will be replacing Diane Rogers and is now sending out get well wishes. Carol Kirby will send the list of deaths to this committee.

**Scholarships:** Tillie Barckley shared that we will possibly provide 4 scholarships this year. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century sent \$5,000 and we will renew with them. Two fundraisers have been scheduled for the fall October 10<sup>th</sup>, at Brian Boru and October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Killarney House. Proceeds from both restaurants will go to the scholarship fund. It was recommended that reservations be made to be sure to get in. These events will be publicized in The Informer and on our Facebook page.

**Trips:** Lucy Travers shared that a September cut off date is in place for the October 16, 2019 Gettysburg trip.

#### **Old Business:**

1. The executive board thanked Bonnie Schmeltz and Dixie Stack for their service to AARSPA.
2. A Back to School breakfast is scheduled on September 3, 2019 at Romillios in Severna Park. Breakfast together will be 9-11 a.m. Breakfast will be publicized on Facebook.
3. Another socializing for membership is Happy Hour at The Green Turtle or Park Tavern. No date has been selected. Send the date to Dixie Stack when it has been selected.

#### **New Business:**

1. A new committee Retiree Health Care Committee will need a representative. Several names were suggested and will be approached to recruit them.
2. Annual Calendar was distributed and any additions will be emailed to the members.
3. Carla Duls resigned her secretary position with the state so that she could edit the state newsletter. They need a new secretary at state.
4. Charlie Gable needs a replacement vice president for state. This person must have worked on a state committee. There are three board meetings and 2 executive board meetings.
5. Julia Williams is the new office manager for the state

**Dates to Remember:** There were dates to remember added to the meeting agenda. See agenda for these dates.

John Salwach adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Zetta Hart  
Recording Secretary*