

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association  
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes  
May 11, 2023**

**Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena, MD**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Co-Presidents Gable/Ahalt  
**Pledge to the Flag** Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Greetings and Introductions** Co-Presidents Gable/Ahalt welcomed our guests and reviewed the agenda. Guests in attendance:

- Special Guests
  - Carla and Jim Duls
  - Scholarship Winners and their parents
    - Brittany Brown and mother
    - Bridget Evans and mother
    - Natalie Forman and both parents
    - Lorissa Honarvar (Unable to attend – AP Exam)
- First Time Attendees:
  - Cathy Hall, Grace Planalp, Judy Mauriello, and Jane Timburg

**Memorial Service**

- Musical Selections by AARSPA Voices in Melody
- Anthony Anzalone announced the names and Millie Gardner placed flowers in vases.

**Business Meeting**

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from February 9<sup>th</sup> were summarized and Dixie Stack made a motion to accept the minutes with Sharyn Doyle seconding them. The group accepted the minutes as shared.

**Treasurer's Report**

Max Muller shared the proposed budget of \$37,425 for 2023-2024. This amount is based on possibly 1,575 members. Mr. Muller shared that have received interest on our PNC account. Tony Anzalone made a motion to accept the budget as proposed and Leslie Schell seconded it. The budget was accepted by the attendees. Charlie Gable mentioned the possibility of providing Mini-Grants for teachers in Anne Arundel County.

**Committee Reports** Co-President Ahalt now leading the meeting

**By-Laws Committee**

Dixie Stack shared the changes to our By-Laws. These changes occurred due to the Zoom meetings required during COVID.

**Consumer Education/Community Service**

Phyllis Cherry thanked the attendees and MRSPA for the many items that were donated for the nursing homes and assisted living centers. Ms. Cherry reported that these facilities have never been approached for this type of assistance. Committee members visited the centers and shared the need for this support.

**Free School Museum**

Karlie Everett shared that Open House at the Free School would be the second Saturday and Sunday of each month, May, June and July from 1 PM to 4 PM

### **Legislative Committee**

Virginia Crespo summarized the legislative session stating that 45 bills related to education and retirees were introduced. MRSPA supported 15 of them with 18 curriculum bills being defeated. Ms. Crespo stated that Retirement Tax benefits is very challenging to get passed. The members of this committee were thanked for their participation.

### **Membership Committee**

Leslie Schell reported that the first Eastern Shore meeting went well on April 20, 2023. The facility could accommodate 30 guests. The next event will be planned by 2 Eastern Shore members. There are 133 members living on the Eastern Shore.

The new directory will be ready for the September general membership meeting. Marge Smith is assisting Ms. Schell with this project.

### **Remembrance Committee**

Guests were reminded to enter the birthday drawing if they had a birthday in April, May, or June.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Tillie Barckley provided the committee report. It was reported that donations for the scholarships was phenomenal. Many donations were coming in honor/remembrance of individuals. The team assisting with the review of applications was thanked. A reminder was given for the fundraiser on June 13, 2023, at the Killarney House Restaurant. The meals are \$30 each and \$10 from each meal will be donated to the scholarship fund.

### **Trips and Travel**

Gail Matthews and Kat Stawas shared that three trips are planned for this year. The C&D Canal, American Music Theater, and a Christmas holiday show, The First Noel.

### **Election and Installation of Officers**

Due to illness, Brenda Hurbanis will not be co-president with Sharyn Doyle. Tillie Barckley nominated Anthony Anzalone for co-president. This was accepted by the members in attendance. The officers were then installed by Carla Duls, President of MRSPA.

### **Presentation**

Jane Timburg presented The Peer Learning Partnership at Anne Arundel Community College. The Peer Learning Partnership (PLP) is a community of lifelong learners who share personal growth and enrichment opportunities through classes, discussion groups, cultural events and social activities. Topics of interest are decided by members and the meetings are self-directed. These programs are meant to stimulate continued learning for retired individuals. The Friday with Friends meetings will be held through Zoom. These meetings are held noon-2:30p.m. There is a schedule of activities and registration information at: <https://www.aacc.edu/programs-and-courses/personal-enrichment/personal-enrichment-for-older-adults/peer-learning-partnership/#two>

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Announcements**

The scholarship winners were introduced.

**Birthday Drawing:** April, May, and June birthday raffle winners were awarded

**Raffle Drawing:** The 50/50 Winner earned \$280, returning the money to the Scholarship Fund.

**Scholarship Report:** \$190 in cash and \$1825 in checks to 21<sup>st</sup> Century were collected.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	
<b>June 8, 2023</b>	<b>AARSPA Executive Board Meeting – 10 AM – Free School</b>
<b>June 13, 2023</b>	<b>AARSPA Scholarship Fundraiser, Killarney House, Davidsonville, MD</b>
<b>July 13, 2023</b>	<b>C&amp;D Canal Boat Cruise, Chesapeake City, MD</b>
<b>July 20, 2023</b>	<b>AARSPA Executive Board Meeting – 10 AM – MRSPA Office, Odenton, MD</b>

Respectfully submitted  
Zetta Hart, Recording Secretary