

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Board of Education - Center I
October 11, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Charlie Gable, Joel Drapalski, Pat Ericson, Max Muller, Karlie Everett, Nina Griffith, Mary Dunlap, Matilda Barckley, Sandra Edmonds & Tony Anzalone.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

PLEDGE: Charlie Gable led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the July 12, 2012 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alicia Hardisky presented the October - 2012 report. It was approved and filed for audit. She also presented an accounting for the Free School Acct. and Gunston Acct. It was noted that over \$900 has been received for the Free School in memory of Howard Hall. More donations are continuing to arrive daily and Bob will share the notes and donations with Janelle Hall.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Charlie Toth will send thank you notes to all donors for the Free School in Howard's memory.

REPORTS:

Legislation: No report but Bob distributed an MRSPA flyer for 2013 Legislative Priorities. He also plans to obtain enough of the flyers for our next general membership luncheon in November. Virginia Crespo sent word to encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming elections. There will also be a MRSPA Legislative Workshop on November 13, 2012.

Archives / History: No report.

Constitution - By-Laws: No report but Bob will be checking with Ed Stofko regarding the dues increase and date requirements to vote on the dues increase proposal.

Chorus: A new member signed up at the last luncheon meeting.

Community Service: Bob shared a need to provide scarves, mittens and gloves for a needy cause at Hilltop Elementary. He also shared a need to provide assistance for serving meals for the needy at some of our schools for the Summer Food Service Program. He has contacted the

food service division for more information on the need and ways to help. It was noted that South River High School collected more funds and food goods last year for the needy than any other school in the State of Maryland.

Consumer Education: No report.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reported that the selection committee members are actively involved in making the monthly selections and he is working with the central office staff to provide more exposure for the program in hopes of more diversification in making the selections based on more input from a broader base of schools..

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky noted there was nothing new to report but a decision will be needed in the near future from the general membership regarding the proposed dues increase. Bob also noted that Judith Zahren Exec. Director of MRSPA communicated that any dues increase must be acted upon soon in order for MRSPA to collect the new amount when they collect MRSPA/AARSPA dues.

Free School: Max Muller reported the entrance sign is being updated. He continues to work on the book inventory and noted that many of the books need repair. The eagle scout walkway project has been approved by the board and close to starting. The material will be gravel and a 4 X 4 retainer. Karlie shared some information about a gravel surface she saw during a visit to an historic site and how the gravel was smooth and provided a good walking surface. The consensus was that such a surface would be a good option for our walkway at the Free School. Max is also looking for a craftsman to do some repairs to the cedar roof. Bob will be contacting the board regarding some tree limbs that need trimming. Karlie reported that she and Mary Dunlap will be working on streamlining the tour process and providing some training for new school marms and docents. She wants everything to be authentic.

Hospitality: The committee is working hard.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported we have 1904 members. There are also 40 unpaid members who will be dropped if their dues are not forthcoming. Some members indicated they will call some of the members who have not paid to encourage them to make payment. The new directory went to the print shop and we requested 200 copies. She is encouraging members to request e-mail directory copies in order to save the \$2.74 cost of mailing.

Remembrance: Nina Griffith's committee is working hard. Millie Zipay and Dianne Rogers are assisting her.

Newsletter/ Informer: Carla Duls continues doing a great job on the newsletter. Melissa Mowrey is assisting Carla with the newsletter. December 1st is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter. Send articles directly to Carla Duls. Her e-mail address is: kid3die@aol.com. We are hoping to change over to an e-mail newsletter but need more member e-mails to make the transition affordable.

Photography: Nothing new to report. John Hammond will provide photography services as needed and work with Thelma and Carol to get the photos to Carla for publishing in the newsletter.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported the committee met and the fall pre-retirement session is scheduled for November 3, 2012 at Severna Park High School..

Programs: Charlie Gable reported his committee met on September 20th. He also met with the director of the Pascal Senior Center and got some good ideas for future programs. Dr. Maxwell will attend the luncheon at CAT-North. A singer named Tim Aman is booked for the November luncheon and another singer, Nancy Abramson is tentatively booked for the March luncheon. The honorariums for the singers are \$125. Possibilities for future luncheons include presentations by the A.A. Co. Police Department on senior safety, BGE on energy conservation, Chamber of Commerce speakers bureau topics and possibly an ensemble from the Naval Academy band. His committee meets again on November 29, 2012.

Public Relations: Bob reported the web site is up and running. Reports are being uploaded as approved.

Raffle: Sandra Edmonds reported there will be no raffle at the next luncheon but scholarship donations can be made in the table envelopes. MRSPA scholarship tickets are also available.

Scholarship: Karlie reported \$2,332 has been collected to date and she anticipates another \$6,000 will come from the dues allocations. Therefore, we have enough for two (\$4000) scholarships at this time. Matilda Barckley will be assisting with scholarship donation collections at the luncheons. The Scholarships for Scholars deadline will be Feb. 8, 2013 and our committee will meet March 1st to review the applications. Karlie wants to develop an objective scoring tool for the applications. There was also some discussion regarding the possibility of some funds coming from other organizations that are disbanding such as the Kiwanis Club of Mayo did last year and possibly some funds being forwarded from the Pop Weyland Scholarship Fund at Glen Burnie High School.

Travel: Bob reported that Lou Kamm is willing to assume responsibility for the committee as long as some members step forward to join the committee. Bob reported the Baltimore Symphony will conduct a Christmas "Holiday Pops" performance on December 13, 2012 at 2:00 PM.. The cost is \$50 and 50 seats are reserved. The sign-up form was in the last newsletter.

United Seniors of Maryland: The United Senior Legislative Forum is set for January 29, 2013.

Nominations: Will need nominees for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer for the May-2013 election. We really need someone in training for all three of the positions. It was discussed that if we could identify possible candidates early they could "shadow" the current officers and learn the ropes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together: Bob reported he heard from the Jeanne Hogan in Naples, Florida indicating a strong desire to host the yearly meeting/luncheon in Florida. The board felt it might be a good idea to change the date to February, 2013. Bob will share the idea with Ms. Hogan.

Important Dates:

October 18, 2012- Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Luncheon @ Michaels 8th Ave.

November 3, 2012 - Pre-Retirement Seminar - 8:00 AM - Severna Park H.S.

November 6, 2012 - General Elections

November 13, 2012 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop

December 1, 2012 - Deadline for articles for the next **Informer**

January 29, 2013 - United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Forum

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Recording Secretary