

**ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board Meeting

October 11, 2018

Center 2 A, BOE Building

**Attendance:** Bonnie Schmeltz, Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, John Salwach, Tillie Barckley, Karlie Everett, Anthony Anzalone, Leslie Schell, Carol Kirby, Max Muller, Charles Gable, Rick Wiles, Brenda Gibson, Phyllis Cherry, and Sharyn Doyle

**Call to Order:** Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

**Minutes of the July 12, 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. A copy of the approved minutes will be sent to William Brose for posting on our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Max distributed the attached Treasurer's Report dated October 11, 2018.

*Line 1* was reviewed and reflected the need for 93 more new members to meet the projected membership of 1800 on which the budget is based.

On *Line 28*, the word table will be deleted from the item titled Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Table since we pay for a Free School ad in the program.

*Lines 8a* and *32a* were discussed and will be reviewed again since more information was shared about the relationship of these 2 line items.

Page 2 of the Report was also reviewed with a comment that in next month's report, the Free School's account balance will be very different since our portion of the cost of the new roof will be transferred out.

A vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report with the needed changes was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"**– Rick reported there are now 36 members, 4 new ones and practice has already begun for the November – December concerts whose dates are on page 3 of the agenda.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Brenda reported a thank you letter had been sent to Josh Carrol, our guest speaker at the September General Membership Meeting Luncheon. A STAIR program request for tutors in Annapolis (1 or 2 afternoons a week) was presented and a success story was shared involving all students in this program that are now reading at or above grade level.

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

**Community Service:** Phyllis reported that the committee met last week and members are very pleased with the recent donations. School supplies recently collected were delivered to Marley Elementary and at our November Membership Meeting/Luncheon, food bank items will be collected. Her committee debated on the need to continue collecting children's

clothing and has requested this topic be discussed at the General Membership Meeting/Luncheon. Two new initiatives were introduced: Volunteering at the Scholastic Books Odenton Warehouse at their fair in December so we can obtain more books and setting up the Little Library Boxes that can be built by CAT-N students, similar to those seen in the streets throughout neighborhoods such as Catonsville. We may need to pay for materials and if so, budget funds will need to be discussed.

Debbie also reminded Board members about the Alzheimer's Walk on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Consumer Education:** Phyllis reported that the focus of the MRSPA Committee will be Travel Insurance and Elder Abuse. A new scam was also reported and it involves protecting your child's or even grandchild's Social Security Number as you do your own.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Tony reported it was a rough start to the year when the award recipients could not attend the meeting scheduled for their presentation so the presentations had to be delayed. A letter of appreciation was also sent to the Stewarts who had served on this committee for several years. New Committee members were added in lieu of the Stewarts.

**Free School:** Karlie reported the roof is done and has shown several other areas of the school building that need attention, cleaning and perhaps future replacements. Tours can now easily be scheduled. After a recent tour by Millie's Sorority group, a \$50. Donation was made and donations are always welcomed.

**Going Green:** Bob reported 70% of the members to whom we are sending the newsletter electronically are actually opening it. This is still the highest percentage of openings we have ever had.

**Historian & Editor of the AARSPA Informer:** Carla was absent and no report was made.

**Legislative Committee:** Sharyn requested permission to invite members of the new Legislative Committee to the November 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative Luncheon at no cost to them, pending the budget line item funding. Discussion ensued and resulted in an additional 5 members being able to attend within budget. Charlie reported on the Kirwin Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education and its possible impact on our pension systems state-wide when the needed funds are expected to come from local governments. He also discussed the November 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative Luncheon format to include an update on our pension system and possible break-out sessions with newly elected officials.

**Membership:** Carol introduced Leslie Schell who will be assisting her. She also distributed a list of new members to AARSPA and asked members to reach out to any new member known and welcome them and discuss membership in MRSPA. We are losing members due to deaths or those not renewing. Max made a suggestion that at our next Executive Board meeting, each Board member be assigned a portion of the non-renewal member list and contact those people about renewals, stressing benefits (pension vigilance, etc.).

**Pre-Retirement-** John reported the next date is October 20<sup>th</sup> at Annapolis High with 234 people (including spouses) expected.

**Program:** Charlie reported Dawn Lucarelli will attend our next General Membership meeting in lieu of the Superintendent. MRSPA Executives Wanda Twigg, Executive Director,

and Ann Marie Downey, President, will also be our guests. The Steel Drums Band will provide entertainment from 1 -1:30p.m. since we need to remain at CAT-N when afternoon buses are due to arrive.

At our February General membership Meeting/Luncheon, Maegan Ott, Senior Safety Officer, Anne Arundel County Police, will be our guest speaker. Vince Leggett is also a possible speaker in honor of Black History Month.

**Publicity Committee:** Debbie wanted to thank everyone for the many photos she has placed on Facebook and in the Capital. Additional ones are welcomed as are items for articles for the Informer.

**Raffle:** No report at this time

**Remembrance & Sunshine:** Millie shared a thank you card from a member for her birthday card. She also expressed a concern from Nina and Dianne, her committee members, about needing assistance, especially if they should become unavailable to assist with these card mailings for sick, deaths, Emeritus birthdays, and holidays. Discussion ensued about new members becoming more involved.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tillie reported scholarship monies must be paid by January 1, even though we will still collect throughout the year. She also read a letter written by Jeanne Oates in honor of the Board officers. Last month, Dixie suggested a fund raiser for the scholarship committee at the Brian Boru restaurant and pub in Severna Park. January 17<sup>th</sup> has now been reserved for this fundraiser where we will earn \$10. for each selected menu meal costing \$25.

**Trips & Travel Committee:** Bob reported on the fall trips, including 49 signed up for the National Museum of African American History and Culture this month. The flyer for the ICE trip will be in the October newsletter. He also requested a \$200 donation be made to the Severna Park United Methodist Church who allows our members to park there for our bus trips. The request was approved via a vote.

**Old Business:** Charlie requested we prepare a gift donation check of \$150 plus the cost of transportation for the Steel Drums Band that will be entertaining us at our General Membership Meeting/Luncheon.

**New Business:**

**Liability Insurance for Trips:** MRSPA and an attorney will be contacted for a response about our protection from lawsuits.

**September Meeting Date:** Our attendance was down and questions posed about the date and the need to change it or leave it as is. Discussion ensued and decision was made to maintain it as is.

**Recruitment and Retention Initiatives from the Leadership Retreat:** Ideas were shared by retreat attendees that included more photos in newsletters, more publicity, Happy Hours, etc.

**Executive Board Member Items:** None at this time.

**Dates to Remember:** Refer to attached Agenda and Calendar.

**Adjournment** -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn Doyle  
Recording Secretary