

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Conference Room #1- Carol S. Parham Building
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland
April 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Betty Ann White, Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Howard Hall, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Susie Jablinske, Karlie Everett, Charlie Toth, Virginia Crespo, Sandra Edmonds, Charlie Gable, Ione Williams, Joel Drapalski, Max Muller & Ed Stofko.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. He then led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the February 9, 2012 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob indicated he had nothing new to report and that all accounts are in order and expenses paid to date.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Charlie Toth indicated there is nothing new to report.

REPORTS:

Archives / History: Carla Duls reminded everyone that end of year reports are due by the last general membership meeting in May.

Constitution - By-Laws: Ed Stofko indicated there was nothing new to report.

Chorus: No report.

Community Service: Charlie Gable indicated he had nothing new to report.

Consumer Education: No report.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone indicated he had nothing new to report.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky reported she will be working on the new budget over the summer months.

Free School: Max Muller and Howard Hall reported May, June & July tours will be on Sundays only. A clean up day is tentatively scheduled for June 2nd but may need to be changed since

the school will be open in May also. Max will check with Marie Diamond. There have been no visitors since November of 2011. We have not heard anything from the scout who planned to build a walkway for his eagle scout community project. The walkway would be built of materials indicative of the colonial era.

Hospitality: No report.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported we have 1,915 members. She will be sending out reminders to pay dues.

Remembrance: Karlie Everett reported that Diane 's husband is home but not well. Nina Griffith and Millie Zipay will be filling in for Diane at our upcoming memorial service at the general membership luncheon in May. Additional sign-ups are needed for the memorial ceremony and a sign-up sheet was distributed.

Newsletter/ Informer: Betty Ann reported that Carla Duls is working on the newsletter because we are still without an editor. Jill is retiring to Tennessee. Everyone agreed to send a thank you letter to Jill and to provide her with a free paid membership for her years of service to our organization.

Photography: It was reported that Thelma is feeling better. An opportunity will be available for a group photo at the upcoming MRSPA Business Mtg. on May 8th. More information will follow.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported there are 115 people signed up for the upcoming pre-retirement session to be held on April 21st at Annapolis High School.

Programs: Nothing new to report.

Public Relations: Bob reported he spoke with Ken Nichols regarding the selection of an on-line company to distribute our newsletter electronically via e-mail. A company called Constant Contact appears to be the best choice. Bob has asked our web masters to check out the company and make a recommendation before we finalize our plans. If they feel Constant Contact will be our best choice, the executive board agreed to proceed accordingly.

Raffle: Nothing to report.

Scholarship: Karlie Everett reported we have collected \$6,835.13 and with the \$3.00 membership contributions added we will have \$12,535.13. Three winners have been selected from 15 - 20 applicants and their names have been forwarded to Scholarships for Scholars, Inc. The three students are from Northeast, North County and South River High School . The awards ceremony will take place at the Chesapeake Arts Center on April 30th. Howard Hall, Bob Kanach and Karlie Everett will attend the awards ceremony.

Travel: Howard Hall reported the Baltimore Symphony will conduct a Christmas performance on December 15 - 17. The Friday matinee appears to be the best option and costs \$40 per ticket. Howard will check on bus transportation costs.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske distributed the most recent newsletter and informed the group there is a concern regarding service for the elderly. There will be an Elderly Forum held at the National Harbor Center in Prince Georges County on May 3-6. Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Departments. of Aging are sponsoring the forum.

Legislation: Virginia Crespo gave an update of the recent budget problems in Annapolis and the concern if the "doomsday" default budget is implemented in July. Hopefully, a special legislative session will be convened by the governor and the budget problems will be resolved. Virginia distributed a handout which summarized the impact of the current budget problems and explained how the cost of the teacher pensions will likely be transferred to the counties. She encouraged everyone to continue to advocate for our best interests and keep in touch with our legislators and governor.

Nominations: Bob reminded everyone that we do not have a full slate of officer candidates for the coming year's election (2012-2013). After much discussion, members of the executive board agreed to the following: Bob will remain as president for one more year (assuming the membership will agree to this special arrangement), John Hammond will remain as recording secretary for one more year, Charlie Toth will remain as corresponding secretary for one more year, Alicia Hardisky accepted the nomination as treasurer for the next year and Charlie Gable said he would "consider" the nomination for president-elect for next year. Bob and Lone will attempt to locate someone who will accept the nomination for assistant recording secretary for next year should Lonnie not want the position as reported.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Inc. : Nomination due date is April 30, 2012. Our nominee will be Rose Rausch and Ed Stofko will complete the nomination packet.

AACPS Retirement Reception: Florie Bozzella requested our support to continue to sponsor a table. We budgeted \$750 for the event but asked for a better table location than last year. This year's event is scheduled for June 4th.

Important Dates:

April 30, 2012 - Scholarship for Scholars Annual Awards Ceremony.

April 30, 2012 - Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Nominations due.

May 8, 2012 - MRSPA Annual Business Meeting @ Michael's 8th Ave. - begin at 8:00 am.

May 17, 2012 - General Membership and Luncheon Meeting - Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville, Md. - Registration at 9:45 am and meeting starting at 10:00 am.

June 14, 2012 - Executive Board Meeting - "**Free School**" at 10:00 am.

July 12, 2012 - Executive Board Meeting - Conference Room #3 at 10:00 am.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Secretary