

ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

April 12, 2018

Center 2 A, BOE Building

Attendance: Dixie Stack, Bonnie Schmeltz, Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, Rosemary Biggart, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, John Salwach, Tillie Barckley, Carla Duls, Phyllis Cherry, Sandra Edmonds, Karlie Everett, Charles Gable, Ken Nichols, Virginia Crespo, Anthony Anzalone, John Hammond, and Sharyn Doyle

Call to Order: Co-President Dixie Stack called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Minutes of the January 11, 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.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rosemary Biggart distributed the Treasurer's Report dated April 12, 2018 and reported that we are fine, about the same place in spending as last year at this time. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded. A vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"– Rick expressed appreciation for including their performance dates on our calendar. He reported that one member recently died and 2 new members have joined, resulting in a 35 member group. All Board members were invited to attend any performance and Choir members recognize and appreciate the Board's support.

Corresponding Secretary- Carla reported for Brenda. Brenda wishes to have the list of delegates from our Legislative Luncheon so she can send thank you letters for their support. Appreciation was also expressed for the support of the STAIR project.

Recording Secretary: No report at this time.

Community Service: Phyllis summarized upcoming plans and reminded board members of our new website link to volunteer opportunities.

Consumer Education: The Opioid problem and Fall Prevention will be targeted topics for study over the next few months. More information will be posted in the Informer.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony reported that our May educator of the month is also the Teacher of the Year. New Board Members commented on the role of AARSPA in this recognition program.

Free School: Karlie reported there was a big article in the Capital about the Free School and since then it has generated donations and visitors. Open Houses are scheduled the second Saturday and Sunday of each month April – August. Our tour groups will need to be scheduled around the roof work. More outside building work needs to be done also. New

display signs are up and a new brochure has been developed, printed and distributed. The Social Studies Director was contacted and there is hope that the Sappington book will be distributed in our schools.

Going Green: Bob reported that over 100 members are back to US mailings since they have not been opening the electronic version of the email at all. Membership active status will be reviewed for all members receiving the newsletter via US Mail.

Historian & Editor of the AARSPA Informer

Historian: Carla reminded everyone about their end of the year report due July 12th.

Editor of the AARSPA Informer: The deadline for the next issue of the Informer is August 1st and she reviewed what type of articles were in last August's newsletter.

United Seniors of MD Representative: United Seniors of Maryland (USM) is currently staffing the Governor's Task Force on Long Term Care Education and Planning. Carla is attending the meetings as a member of the public representing AARSPA. She shared the intense research and knowledgeable speakers that have been part of the Task Force's work.

Legislative Committee: Charlie and Virginia reported that it was a very active session for an election year and we had no big losers. More information is on MRSPA with all of the details. Virginia distributed a packet with bill information, status, hearing dates, etc. as seen on MRSPA's website. A bill was passed to help regulate pharmacy managers and an amendment will be on the ballot for all casino monies to be used for schools. Virginia also suggested we consider our own Legislative Committee since she has accepted a paying legislation position for MRSPA.

Membership: Carol was absent. Dixie shared the MRSPA concern about membership and a new incentive of \$10 off a new membership was now in place. Encouragement should also be made for payroll deduction. More information will be shared at the MRSPA meeting next month.

Pre-Retirement- John reported the next date is April 21st in the Board room and there are less than 125 signed up so far.

Program: Charlie reported we had hoped to have Josh Carroll, teacher of the year at our May meeting...yet the scheduling is proving difficult. We will be having our special Memorial Service at this next General Membership meeting in May. Charlie has been nominated for the Vice President of MRSPA so a new Program Director needs to be identified.

Publicity Committee: Debbie reminded Board members to tell her about an activity we are involved in so it can be shared on our Facebook page, sent to the Capital, etc.

Raffle: Sandy had no report to share.

Remembrance & Sunshine: Millie reported receipt of several thank you notes for anniversary and birthday cards, and shared one from an Emeritus member. She also invited us to the BUNCO event for Project TEACH. Tickets were available for sale.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie thanked everyone for their continued support and shared the results of our Scholarship Committee's work. She also sent the winner of the 50/50 raffle a thank you note for donating the winnings to the Scholarship fund.

Trips & Travel Committee: Lucy was absent and Bob reported we still had room for the Harriet Tubman trip. The very successful Florida trip was also mentioned and trips and travel plans for next year are already in place.

Old Business

By Laws Chairperson is now Ken Nichols and he was thanked and welcomed. He asked if there were any particular by laws that we wish to be reviewed and there was no response at this time.

New Business

Update from MRSPA Presidents' Meeting: Membership concern and incentive were already discussed.

MRSPA Insurance for Executive Board Members: paid status confirmed

Peer Learning Partnership Sharing of Information: Jane Timberg and Tim Dangle spoke about the program sponsored at AACC. Included in this program are lifelong learning classes, workshops, trips, etc. Pamphlet was distributed and Tim will be attending our May General Membership meeting to discuss the program. Everyone was invited to the Open House on May 29th.

Executive Board Member Items: Bonnie reported SOMIRAC will now be called SOM Literacy Association.

Dates to Remember: Refer to Agenda

Adjournment -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn Doyle
Recording Secretary