

AARSPA General Meeting and Luncheon
Renditions Golf Course
May 12, 2016
Minutes

Mr. Barry Fader called the General Membership Meeting to order at 10:30am.

Mr. Charles Gable led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Following the pledge, Mr. Fader welcomed the guests to the meeting. The guests consisted of Judy Zahren, Executive Director of MRSPA, Max Muller, President of MRSPA and former President of AARSPA, Rebecca Meyer, scholarship winner and her parents, Carla Duls, Secretary of MRSPA and Editor of the ***Informer*** and the AARSPA Historian, our emeritus members present, Mary Etta Dorr, Frances Middleton, Herb Sappington, Jean Trott, and Jeanne Hartge. Three new AARSPA members, Pearl Fier, Nancy Shope, and Wanda Trimnal were introduced.

Rosemary Biggart, the AARSPA treasurer, presented the current budget information. She presented the proposed budget for 2106-2017 to the general membership. She reviewed the content of the proposed budget. The general membership was encouraged to take time to review the budget. Mrs. Biggart informed the group that the attendees of the September meeting would vote on whether or not to approve the proposed budget.

The meeting continued with modified committee reports. On March 8th and 9th, Mr. Gable share with the membership that thirty one members from Maryland and Florida gathered in Sarasota, Florida to eat, drink and share memories of their days in the school system wand their families. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Phyllis Cherry and Karlie Everett, co-chairpersons of the Community Service Committee shared that we received an award, the MRSPA Community Service Award for the hard work of the committee and the membership throughout this past year. Karlie Everett shared with the general membership that we would once again support the Anne Arundel Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 23, 2016. There were attachments to the agenda so that interested members could make a donation and/or join one of the AARSPA walking teams.

Karlie Everett, chairperson of the Free School Museum, shared some highlights such as a visit by the Board of Education folks to the Free School for the first time. There were many members who showed up at the Free School on March 23rd to clean up the inside and the outside of the building. She also shared information on a group of people that owned antique cars holding a scavenger hint at the Free School on June 19th.

Tillie Barckley, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee shared how much money had been raised for the AARSPA Scholarship Fund. Also, she mentioned that Mr. Fader assisted with the Scholarship for Scholars Awards Ceremony on April 25th.

Lou Kamm, chairperson for the Travel Committee shared with the membership that Lucy Travers will be serving as the new chair for this committee beginning for the 2016-2017 year.

Mr. Gable, chairperson of the Nominations Committee shared that the search continues for the following positions: President Elect, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Constitution, and United Seniors of Maryland representative.

Old Business

The proposed changes to the association's By-Laws were presented by Bob Kanach who went through each section of the By-Laws that contained changes/modifications. Each of the changed sections was approved by a majority vote of the general membership present. There was no other Old Business.

Nina Griffith and Millie Zipay led the Remembrance Service for the sixty members that passed away this year. Ms. Griffith read a very nice passage reflecting our losses. Sixty of our members placed a flower in a vase at the front of the auditorium as the deceased member's name was read.

After lunch, the 2016 AARSPA Scholarship winners were share with the group. The winners were: Chung Young, from North County High, Rebecca Meyer from Chesapeake High, and Christine Swartz from Severna Park High. Miss Chung and Miss Swartz were not able to attend due to tests that they had to take they day of our luncheon. Rebecca Meyer, one of the recipients of a \$4000 scholarship, addressed our membership and her parents thanked everyone for the scholarship.

Music was provided by our chorus, "Voices in Melody" under the direction of Judy Engelmeyer and accompanied by Joyce Nellenback. Rick Wiles coordinates the chorus programs and where the chorus performs for the holidays and the spring of the year.

Charles Gable and Barry Fader presented flowers to Judith Zahren who is retiring in July after serving many years as the Executive Director of MRSPA.