

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, October 12, 2023

MRSPA Odenton - 10:00 AM

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Robert Kanach, Millie Gardner, Karlie Everett, Gail Matthews, Deb Ahalt, Dixie Stack, Tony Anzalone, Sharyn Doyle, Leslie Schell, Carla Duls, Linda Poole, Brenda Gibson, Marge Smith, Susan Baugher, and Zetta Hart

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Co-Presidents Tony Anzalone and Sharyn Doyle, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

Recording Secretary

The minutes from our July 12, 2023, meeting was referenced with no corrections. The group voted unanimously to accept the minutes as published. They will be sent for publication on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Kanach reported that the taxes were completed for the last two years and also a spot check of the third year. The cost was \$650. He reviewed the expenditures for The Free School as well as the scholarship carry over. There was a \$12, 107.97 carry over for the new fiscal year. He also reported that a number of members have not been checking their Constant Contact emails.

Corresponding Secretary

Two principals were recognized for their awards, Rodney Walker and Kimberly Winterbottom. Letters of congratulations were sent to these individuals.

Committee Reports

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles shared the dates for upcoming concerts. See dates attached. He also reported that there are now 35 members of the chorus and a potential director is shadowing the current director.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Tony Anzalone shared the committee's thanks for the school supplies provided at the last luncheon. These supplies will be given to Park and Brooklyn Park Elementary Schools. There was a large number of earbuds donated. Mr. Anzalone also shared that Park Elementary nominated AARSPA for the 21st Century Educational Organization of Anne Arundel County, which we received. They created a video of our accomplishments for submission.

Educator/Employee of the Month Committee

Tony Anzalone stated the awards would be given October – May to accommodate the school system's request.

Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee

Karlie Everett shared that a variety of visitors have been to The Free School: senior center guests, realtor, developmentally disabled adults, and college students. A request for additional accessibility resources for the disabled was made so more of these individuals could experience the facility. The Social Studies department of AACPS is adding The Free School to their trip list.

Ms. Everett reported that we are on the map for Maryland Day in March of 2024. Several individuals are helping to get the school ready for the 300th celebration. It was reported that the Department of Forestry estimated the age of our tree in front of the school to be 70 – 80 years old.

The 300th celebration is well planned; the committees continue to meet and Tim Tooten of WBAL-TV News will

MC the event. A videotape will be recorded of the entire event. Bob Mosier will provide all of the equipment that is needed. The State Governor is expected to attend if his schedule is clear. Programs and scripts are being created. There are many volunteers expected to assist during the celebration. The ceremony is on Thursday and then Saturday will be family oriented with activities for children.

Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee

Carla Duls will start writing our history for the year. Dates for inclusion in the next Informer newsletters are as follows: January is due by 12-29-23 and February by 1-22-24.

Legislative Committee

No Report

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell reported that a reminder for membership was sent out to 22 individuals who have not yet rejoined AARSPA. Only 8 of them have responded. Two hundred copies of the Directory are now at the Print Shop. These should be ready for November 2nd. They plan to update this document every two years. The luncheon for members living on the eastern shore is being planned by Chris Stockett. A proposed date is set for April 18, 2024. The Suicide Bridge Restaurant is a possibility. It has a separate room for groups. Priority attendance will be for those members living on the eastern shore.

A Breakfast is scheduled for new retirees, November 13, 2023, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., The Elks Club in Severna Park. It will be \$16 for us to attend. The PPT created by their committee will be shown. It is hoped that we will get permission to put posters in faculty rooms in every school.

Pre-retirement Committee

Susan Baugher reported that open enrollment will occur for current retirees next Monday. There will be drop-in sessions. A letter or postcard will be mailed to retirees. There will be a booklet posted on-line for us to reference, it will not be mailed. Medical insurance has been increased by 8%.

Program Committee

Dixie Stack shared her current line-up for our luncheon speakers and entertainment. May, 2024: the Superintendent and Teacher of the Year and chorus, November, 2024, wants African American education in Anne Arundel County, May, 2025 Millie and the chorus. All are still in the planning stage.

Publicity Committee

Debbie Ahalt stated that the other committees have shared the events she is concentrating on.

Raffle Committee

No Report

Sunshine/Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner and Linda Poole reported that several deaths need to be corrected in The Informer. We now have 59 Emeritus members. They are currently collecting gift cards for birthdays. They suggested we have a silent auction for scholarships at the February meeting.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley thanked us for supporting the scholarship committee. The donations from September were \$2,850. We will give 4 scholarships in 2024. There is now a new name for the 21st Century Scholarship, Ms. Barckley will let us know as it is finalized. The Severna Park Voice has agreed to publish our scholarship winners.

Trips and Travel Committee

Kay Stawas reported that the First Noel trip is sold out. The committee has a plan for The Blue Angels, May 21, 2024. Lunch will be at Red, Hot, and Blue. Information will be in the January Informer. Their committee will meet

on October 25th at Romilos Restaurant in Severna Park.

MRSPA Update

No Report.

Old Business

The group asked where our group will meet in the future. It was stated that we still need to keep our presence known at the BOE. It was decided that we would continue to get a room at the BOE and have MRSPA room as a fall back.

It was announced that the BOE is in need of volunteers in schools. Millie has been trying to get in, but the fingerprinting is a problem.

New Business

Robert Kanach reported that our February General Business meeting will be at Olive Grove in Linthicum.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Wiles and seconded by Robert Kanach.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Dates to Remember

November 9, 2023	General Membership and Luncheon Meeting, Renditions, 10:30 A.M.
Fri., Dec. 8, 2023	American Music Theatre, "The First Noel," 10:00 AM- 9:00 P.M.
Thurs., Jan. 11, 2024	Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M., BOE, Center 2A
Tues., Jan. 30, 2024	MRSPA Legislative Workshop, 10:00 A.M.
Thurs., Feb. 8, 2024	General Membership Meeting/Luncheon, Olive Grove Restaurant, (Snow Date Feb. 16, 2024)

Respectfully submitted,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary

Donated School Supplies 2023

Crayons	21 packs
Colored Pencils	17 packs
Dividers	3 sets
Earbuds	500
Erasers	11
Glue Bottles	16
Glue Sticks	30
Highlighters	6
Lunch Boxes	15
Markers	7 packs
Notebooks	6
Notebook Paper	21 packs
Back Packs	20
Spiral paper packs	16
Pencils	200
Pencil cases	9
Tissues packs	10 packs
Scissors	26
Wet Wipes	box of 24

Total 1014 items

Cash \$155.00 used to purchase the earbuds

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

Voices in Melody Confirmed Concert Schedule Winter 2023

Concert Date	Site	Concert Time
Thursday, November 9, 2023	Renditions, AARSPA Luncheon	10:00 A.M.
Thursday, November 30, 2023	O'Malley Senior Center	12:15 P.M.
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	St. Andrews Church	1:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 7, 2023	South County Senior Center	12:30 P.M.
Thursday, December 14, 2023	Pascal Senior Center	12:30 P.M.
*Notes: The Performance time is the listed time for each site. Chorus members should arrive 30 minutes earlier to allow for room set-up, practice, and director instructions.		
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