

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association  
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes**

**February 13, 2020  
Blue Dolphin Restaurant**

**Greetings, Overview, and Special Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Rick Wiles. Barry Fader lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wiles spent the first several minutes reviewing the agenda and explaining the format of the meeting. President Wiles welcomed the new members (2) as well as the Emeritus Members (4) two of whom were in attendance.

A welcome was given to our guest speakers for this meeting:

- Allen Cox, Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition
- Sue Rogan, Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition
- Joanne Christofel, AARP Volunteer Summit
- Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA
- Ann Marie Downey, President of MRSPA
- Skip Lee, AACPS Director of Curriculum

**MRSPA Greetings**

Wanda Twigg and Ann Marie Downey brought greetings from MRSPA to our membership. MRSPA is 75 years young this year and was started in 1945. They shared that membership is vital and we need visibility.

**Secretaries Report**

The minutes from the November 14, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion made by Joe Butler and seconded by Dixie Stack.

**Treasurer's Report**

Max Muller presented the treasurer's report dated February 13, 2020. He reported that the AARSPA budget is in good shape. The report was reviewed and approved by a motion made by Sharyn Doyle and seconded by Barry Fader.

**Committee Reports:**

• **Community Service/ Consumer Education**

A report for the committee was given by Phyllis Cherry. She briefly discussed the handout on the tables for the Homeless Resources Day events that require volunteers. Several other resources were shared related to scams and fall prevention.

• **Free School Museum**

Karlie Everett recognized Bob Kanach for his efforts to keep the free school in good physical condition. Research is still proceeding on the existence of other Free School buildings. Spring cleaning is scheduled for March 14, 2020, to prepare for the Maryland Day activities on March 22, 2020, which the school will participate.

• **Membership**

The membership report was given by Leslie Schell. The committee will be sending out Christmas cards and a welcome letter to all new members. Names of new retirees will be provided this year for those individuals who request the information during the retirement process.

- **Legislative Committee**

Virginia Crespo, MRSPA, shared the position of MRSPA on the Kirwan Commission vote. The vote was close, but it did support the legislation with conditions that retiree benefits would not be impacted. There are many vulnerable senior citizens that depend on these benefits.

- **Scholarship Committee**

A report for the Scholarship Committee was given by Tillie Barckley. There will be five \$4,000 scholarships this year. The current recipients of our scholarships are doing well and succeeding in their studies. Another spring fundraiser at Brian Boru is planned for April 23, 2020, 4-10 pm.

- **Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner reported that we now have 50 Emeritus Members. Ms. Gardner requested help getting news of illnesses and deaths of our members.

- **Trips and Travel**

Lucy Travers reported that her committee is currently planning for next year's trips. She shared that anyone going to the Blue Angels trip must ride the bus and have a government issued identification. One trip for October is being finalized.

- **Voices in Melody (AARSPA Chorus)**

Barry Fader and Rick Wiles reported that 7 concerts are schedule for the spring. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays 2-3:30 pm., at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park.

- **Other Committees**

Carla Duls shared that the next Informer Newsletter will be April 1, 2020. Wanda Twigg, Executive Director of MRSPA, informed members of helpful information posted on the MRSPA website ([www.mrspa.org](http://www.mrspa.org))

### **New Business Items from Members**

There were no new business items.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Allen Cox shared information about the new Financial Education Curriculum that will be used in middle schools. The coalition will train retirees who would be interested in teaching these lessons. Members were given a handout with information on the program.
- A report on the AARP Volunteer Summit was given by Joanne Christofel. A booklet from AARP was placed on the tables for membership. Joanne shared some of the benefits we have as a result of efforts by AARP.

### **Lunch was served**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 1:15. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Zetta Hart  
Recording Secretary