

Edits Completed 5-21-21: Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
Thursday, May 13, 2021  
Two Rivers Restaurant

Rick Wiles called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., followed by the pledge to the flag. Several announcements were made: Emeritus Member, Ethel Bohle, and First Time Member, Carole Seeling were introduced. President Wiles then gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

The minutes from the February Zoom Luncheon that were approved by email were distributed. Minutes from the Executive Board Meeting on April 7, 2021 was shared with the participants. Deb Ahalt made a motion to accept these minutes and Don Smith seconded it. The minutes were approved by attendees.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Max Muller explained the funds available from the 2021 budget that will carry over to FY 2022. Sharyn Doyle made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Charlie Gable seconded it. The Treasurer's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2022 was distributed. Treasurer Muller shared an overview of some budget events: membership is down, budget based on 1,675 members, fewer expenditures, some budget items will be updated in June when data is available. Leslie Schell made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Dixie Stack seconded it. The proposed budget was passed by attendees.

### **MRSPA Greetings**

George Denny, MRSPA President, joined our meeting. He stated that 120 individuals attended their Zoom Meeting that lasted 2 hours. He praised the MRSPA staff for their hard work preparing for this meeting. He also thanked AARSPA for sending its members to the meeting and also sharing them with their Executive Board (Virginia Crespo, Leslie Schell, Charlie Gable, and Carla Duls). President Denny stated that Carla Duls will be the next President-Elect.

### **Community Service/Consumer Education Committee**

Committee Chair Phyllis Cherry shared the committee made monetary donations to the AAC Food Bank, the Lighthouse, and AAC Animal Care & Control. The Little Free Libraries are doing well and a donation of books from the Reading Department of AACPS will be helpful. We will also add a library that Diane Rogers is maintaining in her community.

### **Educator/Employee of the Month Committee**

Anthony Anzalone did not attend the meeting. There was no report.

### **Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee**

Carla Duls was not in attendance. A reminder was made that August 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the next Informer.

### **Free School Museum Committee**

With the positive changes in the COVID-19 regulations, the Free School is anticipating an opening in the near future. There are new opening procedures that were distributed to the members in attendance. If there are any questions, please contact Karlie Everett. ([karlieeverett@verizon.net](mailto:karlieeverett@verizon.net))

### **Membership Committee**

Leslie Schell updated the attendees on our current membership. Several points were made to encourage those in attendance to help recruit new members. Our website ([www.aarspa.org](http://www.aarspa.org)) has many resources to share as well as the state website, ([www.mrspa.org](http://www.mrspa.org)). Chairperson Schell stated that the state association has contracted with AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors) to help with membership. Our local group should also benefit from this partnership.

### **Legislative Committee**

Sharyn Doyle and Virginia Crespo updated AARSPA concerning the events in the legislature for 2021. The virtual session was very productive. The state budget is in good shape as a result of the infusion of funds from the Federal Government. The tele-medicine bill passed, broadband will be expanded throughout the state, our pension is 74% funded.

### **Program Committee**

Dixie Stack asked for help planning speakers and trips for the AARSPA meetings and other events.

### **Publicity Committee**

No report

### **Scholarship Committee/Raffle**

Tillie Barckley announced the three winners of our AARSPA sponsored scholarships. The three winners:

- Cayla Haney-Chesapeake High
- Kaitlyn Mummert-Severna Park High
- Caroline Pallet-Chesapeake High

Chairperson Barckley reminded those in attendance of the fundraiser on June 23, 2021, 3-8 p.m. at Brian Boru Irish Pub. The menu is set and \$10 from each meal sold will go to scholarships. The committee is planning a second fundraiser at Garry's Grill.

### **Trips and Travel Committee**

Lucy Travers has asked that AARSPA find a replacement for her due to health issues.

### **AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus will probably be back in business this fall.

**New Business**

- **Sunshine/Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner and Linda Poole presented the Memorial Ceremony. Readings were shared before and after each passing member’s name was read and repeated. The flowers and a list of their names will be displayed at the central office of AACPS.

- Michelle and Charles Day were honored for their initiation into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. They both thanked the organization for this honor.
- George Denny, President of MRSPA awarded Phyllis Cherry a certificate for winning the Community Service Award for 2019-2020.
- Nominations for new officers was opened to the membership. Then the Nomination Committee present the slate of nominees. The election was held and George Denny, MRSPA President, inducted the new officers for 2021-2022. Rick Wiles passed the gavel to Deb Ahalt and Charlie Gable the new co-presidents.
- Jing Dai, 2021 AACPS Teacher of the Year sent her regrets for this meeting and is hoping September will be better.

The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 12:15 p.m.

**Dates to Remember**

Date	Location and Time
Th., June 10, 2021	Executive Board Meeting – The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD, or Zoom @ 10:00am to 12:00pm
Wed., June 23, 2021	Scholarship Fundraiser, Brian Boru, 3-8 p.m.
Th., July 8, 2021	Executive Board Meeting – AACPS Board of Education in Center 2A or Zoom @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by  
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Recording Secretary