

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Conference Room #1- Carol S. Parham Building
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland
October 13, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Betty Ann White, Thelma Auman, Ione Williams, Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Howard Hall, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Pat Ericson, Ed Stofko, Susie Jablinske, Karlie Everett, Charlie Toth, Virginia Crespo & Joel Drapalski.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Ione Williams led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the July 28, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob reported our accounts are in order and we have funds to meet our expenses. Bob and Don Smith are working on the organization of the fund accounts and making progress. Bob will send the financial report electronically to the executive board after he completes organizing the accounts/records.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Charlie Toth reported he has sent letters to all emeritus members.

President's Announcement: Bob extended a sincere thank you to everyone who pitched in to assist with making the calls to the luncheon participants for the cancelled luncheon at Snyder's.

REPORTS:

Archives / History: Carla Duls reported she has completed the archives/history document and it will be distributed by the November 10th meeting/luncheon.

Constitution - By-Laws: Ed Stofko provided copies of the newly amended by-laws which were approved at the last general meeting. Bob reported that his presidency (ending on June 30, 2012) will not be impacted by the new two year term requirements. The new term limits take effect on July 1, 2012.

Chorus: No report. Arrangements have been made for a table of 10 for the upcoming Senior Hall of Fame luncheon to recognize Tom Neuenschwander.

Community Service: Bob attended the MRSPA Leadership Conference and shared information concerning the importance of documenting our community service activities and forwarding the information to MRSPA. Much discussion evolved which identified many of our community service initiatives.

Consumer Education: Charlie Gable reported there are no new benefits meetings scheduled by the board. Our health insurance continues to be funded at 75% by the board. The consensus of opinion was that we are fortunate to have the support of the board of education to maintain the 75% funding level. Some locals are not as fortunate. The current Carefirst contract will be up for negotiation in 2014. The current health care package for current employees and retirees totals 136 million dollars. Susie Jablinske shared her opinion that the board has not been that generous and we should not feel they have been generous and should lobby for the board to fund a higher level of our health insurance costs.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reported his committee is working well together, just as they have in the past. He also indicated that Bob Mosier is working to get the Capital to publish the list of awardees.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky and Bob informed everyone that Bob Cox will not be able to continue auditing our financial records. Two names were given as possibilities for future auditors: Bill Peacock and Louise Sowell. Karlie Everett discussed scholarship funding.

Free School: Howard reported we had very few visitors this summer. Max and Howard continue to work on inventorying the books, some of which date prior to 1850. There is a concern that the current community leadership is not very considerate when requesting use of the building. Traffic is becoming a problem due to the Renaissance Festival and the backups are impacting access to the Free School on weekends. It was decided to close the school on weekends during the months of September and October next year.

Hospitality: No report.

Legislation: Virginia Crespo reported that Mike Busch feels no transfer of pension funding from the state to the locals should take place until the locals have a way of funding the transfer. Unfortunately, Anne Arundel County has a difficult funding problem due to our tax cap and the fact that our piggy back tax rate has not been maximized. The redistricting plans currently being developed are very disorganized and poorly done. Virginia encouraged everyone to review the proposed redistricting plans and contact their representatives.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported we have 1922 current members. We have added 66 new members since March, 2011 but we also have lost members due to deaths. She has received requests for 82 member directories and offered electronic directories to interested members.

Remembrance: No report.

Newsletter/ Informer: Betty Ann reported that the newsletter deadlines provided by CATN are not working out because by the time the newsletter is distributed some of the news is old and outdated. It is not a problem with the quality of the newsletter but a timing issue. Bob and John will meet with Dan Schaffhauser, Principal of CATN to discuss the matter and explore printing options.

Nominating: Ione Williams reported we still do not have a president-elect on board. She has developed a handout for distribution at the next general meeting with the hopes of encouraging someone to volunteer. Bob needs to check with the parliamentarian for MRSPA as to whether the President-elect, should we find one before the end of this term, can serve in that position under the new by-law amendments. As the by-laws are written, the President-elect is to be selected the second year of the new president's two year term.

Photography: No report.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported the board will be distributing a flyer to all employees indicating pre-retirement information options for the upcoming meeting. The first pre-retirement meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2011 at Severna Park H.S. Persons planning to attend the meeting will be able to sign up online. Joel feels the new format is a bit of a change from past procedures and we will have to see how it works out.

Programs: Programs are in place for the next luncheon at the Center of Applied Technology North. South County Senior Center Showstoppers will provide entertainment and a presentation by a hiking group - The Piedmont Hikers.

Public Relations: Bob shared information from our webmasters listing Executive Board email addresses/passwords. Bob explained how to access our email. We plan to add a link on our web site regarding the Free School.

Raffle: No report.

Scholarship: Karlie Everett provided financial information regarding scholarship funds.

Travel: Howard Hall reported only 3 tickets remain for the Billy Elliot show at the Kennedy Center in December.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske distributed the most recent USM bulletin and reminded everyone of the January 24, 2012 Legislative Forum. She recommended that we purchase 10 tickets @ \$15 each. Bob indicated no funds were budgeted for the tickets. Virginia Crespo felt the funds could come from the legislative account. It was decided that at the November 10th general meeting the group will be asked if anyone is interested in attending and that the organization will purchase up to 10 tickets. The next USM meeting is October 17, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS /ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Committee Chairs: Thank you to Charlie Gable for taking the Consumer Education Committee chairperson position. We still have some vacant committee chairs positions.

Next Executive Board Meeting: January 5, 2012 - Conference Room #1

Important Dates:

October 20, 2011 - Maryland Seniors Hall of Fame - Michael's 8th Avenue

October 26, 2011- MRSPA Membership Workshop - Odenton Office

November 5, 2011 - Pre-Retirement Meeting - Severna Park High School

November 10, 2011 - General Membership - Center of Applied Technology North

November 17, 2010 - 8:00 AM -MRSPA Legislative Workshop - Miller Senate Office Bldg.

January 26-27, 2012 - 21st Florida Luncheon, Naples, Florida

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 11:40

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Secretary