

# **Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**

## **General Membership Meeting September 13, 2012 Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Kanach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Bob recognized 3 emeritus members and 14 "first timers".

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was led by Charles Gable.

**MINUTES:** John Hammond provided copies of the minutes from the May 17, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved for filing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Alicia Hardisky shared the recent monthly financial reports. The reports were accepted and filed for audit. Bob Kanach explained the Gunston Account to the new members.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Charlie Toth indicated there was nothing new to report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Proposed Budget:** Alicia and Bob presented the proposed budget based on a projected membership of 1900. The current dues of \$10 annually are not covering our expenses and not providing enough funding for 3 scholarships at \$4000 each. This is a very lean budget. Having no questions, the budget was voted and approved. A proposed dues increase of \$5 was presented and discussed. Our last dues increase was in 1999. Our budget is bare bones and only carrying \$200 forward to the next year. Additionally, in order to move towards with an e-mail newsletter which will reduce printing costs, we need to increase our data base to at least 800 e-mail addresses and we only have 600 on file now. The dues increase will be brought up at future meetings.

**United Seniors of Maryland:** Susie Jablinske provided the most recent United Seniors bulletin to all members. The next meeting is September 24, 2012. She also provided a handout regarding health care options - "Quality Care for End of Life". Only one legal document is now needed for end of life decisions.

**Newsletter:** Carla Duls produced our most recent newsletter. Melissa Mowrey is assisting with the newsletters. Our next deadline is September 28, 2012.

**Scholarships:** Karlie Everett thanked everyone for their continued financial generosity. Need committee members and new members are encouraged to join. In order to offer 3 scholarships we need to generate additional funds beyond the \$3 per member allocation which comes from annual membership dues. We will make the decision regarding 3 vs. 2 scholarships in January, 2013. Karlie explained the different ways to donate as a tax deduction donation via 21st Century Foundation or a straight non-tax deductible donation directly to AARSPA.

**Raffle:** The 50/50 raffle was completed and winner (Florence Kerwath) announced. \$152.00 was collected, with the winner receiving \$76. In addition, \$ 301 was collected (cash & checks) from the donation envelopes on the tables.

**Free School :** Max thanked all the docents who worked from May - July. The school had 34 visitors, slightly higher than last year.

**Loss of Howard Hall:** Bob and Ken Nichols recognized the loss of Howard Hall and his viewing/ funeral arrangements. Howard's passing will be a tremendous loss to our association and to Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

**Travel:** Bob reported that Howard made arrangements for a trip to the Meyerhoff for a December 13th BSO performance. Fifty seats were reserved at \$50 each. A reservation form will be in the next Informer.

**MRSPA Elections :** Bob reminded everyone that Estelle Johnson was elected as MRSPA Vice President and Sandra Edmonds was elected to the MRSPA Nominating Committee.

**Birthday Gifts/ First Timer Picture:** Members with birthdays in July, August & September were reminded to pick up their gifts from the gift table. Also, first time attendees were reminded to gather for a picture.

**Chorus:** The Voices of Melody are accepting new members for what will be a busy schedule for the next year.

**Legislative:** Virginia Crespo reported the legislative special session was convened over the summer and included action on the pension system with funds shifted at 4.6% for normal cost per year and improvements in the locals maintenance of effort rules which tightened up the rules. More money will be available to each county for funding education. No increase in the cost of health insurance. Some federal funds will be coming into Anne Arundel County and some casino funds should be coming to the county. Redistricting, Dream Act and Casino questions will be on the fall ballot.

**Florida Get-Together/Luncheon:** Bob indicated very little feedback from the membership or from the Florida folks as to whether or not we should continue the January meeting in Florida. He will try to contact some members in Florida but as of now is leaning toward not having the meeting. Bob is fearful we will lose the Florida meetings in the future.

**Program:** Charles Gable has a committee meeting scheduled for September 20, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Center III at Riva Rd. He is interviewing a singer for a future meeting and considering other entertainment and guest speakers for future meetings.

**MRSPA News:**

There is a new discount program offered by MRSPA and can be accessed on its web site. It is called ABENITY.

**2012/2013 Officers:**

Bob Kanach - President  
Charles Gable - President- Elect  
John Hammond - Recording Secretary  
Lonnie Kelly - Asst. Recording Secretary

Alicia Hardisky - Treasurer  
Pat Ericson - Asst. Treasurer  
Charlie Toth - Corresponding Secretary

**Committee Members:** New members are needed. Please consider signing up for a committee.

**LUNCHEON:** Luncheon started following the business meeting conclusion at 11:30 AM

**Entertainment:** Dr. Baron Mayberry - "Take Two Laughs and Call Me in the Morning"

**Reminders:**

AARSPA has a new web site. Log on to [www.aarspa.org](http://www.aarspa.org)

September 27, 2012 - MRSPA Leadership Workshop - Odenton Office - 9:00 AM

October 11, 2012 - Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Board of Education -Room 1

October 18, 2012 - Md. Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon -Michael's 8th Avenue - 8:00 AM

November 3, 2012 - Pre-Retirement Seminar - Severna Park H. S. - 8:00 AM

November 15, 2012 - General Membership Luncheon/Meeting - CAT-N -Beginning at 10:30 AM

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 PM:** Bob thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

  
**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**John Hammond, Recording Secretary**