

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Center III
April 14, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Ione Williams, Thelma Auman, Betty Ann White, Karlie Everett, Howard Hall, Sandra L. Edmonds, Pat Ericson, Alicia Hardisky, Ken Nichols, Virginia Crespo, Joel Drapalski, Max Muller, Lonnie Kelly, Diane Rogers, Ed Stofko

CALL TO ORDER: President Ione Williams thanked everyone to coming and called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Since Bob Kanach was not present, Ione lead the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: Minutes were handed out from the January 6, 2011 meeting. The minutes were accepted as present with only one correction. The correct spelling of "Gunson" is without the "T".

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was present and accepted. There was a concern that we have not had an audit in several years. It was suggested that we form a committee to a reconciliation of our treasury statement and have a independent audit preformed every two years. We also need to find another independent auditor to do the job for us. A question was asked if we got a refund check from ASPO and since the treasurer was not present we will have to follow up on this.

REPORTS:

FREE SCHOOL: Max said that "Clean-up Day" will be held on June 4th this year. Howard said that we need to get more volunteers to sign up for times when the school is open to the public. He said that thirty-one seniors came to visit the school and they had a wonderful time. "Maryland Day" did not mention the Free School in their brochure. The Maryland Historical Road Advisory Board wants more information about the school, we may be inline for a grant of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Legislation: Virginia reported that we did not get hurt concerning our pensions this year. She feels that they are not concerned about changes, they did not pass the cost on to the county. Active teachers are going to now pay 7% on their pensions. And they will not be vested for 10 years a change from the 7 years . And retirement will be based on the last five years of employment. Their retirement years will have to equal 90 (years of service plus their age will have to equal 90) for full retirements benefits.

A new form is being formed for "Life Sustaining Treatment" only one form, easy to read, when you fill out the form it must then be signed by your doctor and passed out to all the agencies. This bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

Start thinking about the budget from the county. Mr. Leopold is not in support of us.

MRSPA still has their web-site on, you can go their and read it.

Membership: We gained 8 new members, but lost several to death, so basically we stayed the same count.

Sunshine/Necrology: Dianne requested that members at the luncheon be given copies of the songs that we are to sing. This year, instead of candle lightening, we will present a red rose for the person, and then the vase of roses will be taken to the Board of Education to let them know that the deceased members were recognized.

Newsletter: Betty had a hard copy of the newsletter and stated that the copies were being printed today. We will save \$1,513.99 by having CAT-N do the work for us. And by August 09 to April 10 the savings is \$9,600. We do have a problem in the summer when we send out our newsletter as school is not in service hopefully we can go green and get it on line. It was suggested that instead of a newsletter in the summer we should just send out a letter informing members of the up and coming luncheon in September.

Pre-Retirement: Joel stated that the program was held on Saturday, they had 275 persons attend. They had four speakers and got a 90.8 positive response, but the vendors only faired 80% of approval response.

Nominating: Charles Toth has agreed to become the new corresponding secretary.

Photography: John Hammond has agreed to take over this position.

Scholarship: Karlie said that we have \$2,978 so far this year. The three names have been chosen to receive the \$4,000 scholarship this year. They will be at our luncheon to receive their scholarships.

Karlie would like the newsletter to publish the persons that the memory donations was honored and the reason the donation was made in their name. The donor will not be named.

Travel: Howard said the at the Kennedy Center next year, he chose two plays to see;
(1) Billy Elliot - Dec 21st and Jan 11th
(2) Memphis for 2012
Prices for the shows are \$84.00, but the prices will probably go up to \$100 or more.

USM: Virginia stated that the last meeting fall apart because of other comments to other meetings. USM plans to go back to them January to hold this meeting next year. Their newsletter was passed out.