

Anne Arundel County Retired School Personnel Association

Executive Board Meeting

Board of Education Building - Center 1

April 14, 2015

Attendance: Charlie Gable, Barry Fader, Sue Errichiello, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, Carol Kirby, Joel Drapalski, Tony Anzalone, Rick Wiles, Sandra L. Edmonds, Matilda Barckley, Millie Zipay, Zetta Hart, Susie Jablonski, John Hammond, Deborah Ahalt

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Gable at 10:04AM

Pledge to the flag: Pledge was led by Barry Fader

Minutes from January 8th' 2015 Executive Board meeting: minutes presented were not current version. Charlie will email current minutes tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report: Report was presented in absentia by Charlie Gable. An explanation of current budget status was not available. A new fiscal year will begin 7/1/15. Alicia Hardisky will create a new budget to be presented to new treasurer. At this time there is no candidate for the position. Request for possible candidates made. Please contact Barry Fader. Remembrance committee is in need of transfer of funds to cover flowers for upcoming ceremony. Charlie Gable says that there will be a transfer of funds from another category. A motion was made to make transfer. 100% approval by Board.

Committee Reports:

Archives/ History: a request is for committees to submit reports on committee forms so that information is accurate when archived. A display board is needed for the upcoming MRSPA annual business meeting on May 12th. Volunteers are requested.

Chorus- "Voices in Melody": Rick Wiles reports that the 30 member chorus has been practicing for upcoming performances in May and June. The schedule has been published in the newsletter.

Community Service: "AARSPA from the Heart" Phyllis Cherry reports that 5 people have been nominated for the Senior Hall of Fame. Each of the committee members wrote an application for the award. The nominees include: Dianne Rogers, Betty Coleman, Mary Oberholzer, Carla Duls, and Carol Kirby. Nominations for the organizational award for Community Service were discussed. AACO has a well-organized volunteer site. There will be a write up in the newsletter. Site manager is willing to speak at one of the luncheons. There is a plan to support the Alzheimer's walk in October. There will be a meeting on 5/13 to organize for walk

There will be a book collection for the Annapolis Youth Services Center. Books will contain book plates that identify AARSPA as the donor.

The same charities will be sponsored next year. 203 items of clothing have been collected to support elementary school nurses rooms.

Constitution (By Laws): Ed Stofko not present. No report was submitted.

Consumer Education: Phyllis Chery reports that she welcomes suggestions for what topics to cover.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reports that Educator of the Month candidates is chosen for May and June. The recognitions are done the first Wednesday of each month. It is reported that there has been an increase in the number of recognitions from all employee groups. Tony reports that the Board appreciates organizations involvement.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky is stepping down. She requests that committees submit needs for next year. She will set up a transition budget.

Free School status: Many thanks to the 12 volunteers who came to assist with the clean up on March 28th. Pictures of volunteers will be in newsletter. Tours of the Free School are in place from April to August. The number of visitors has increased. Publicity has helped. There were 13 people at the open house. Donations are being given to support the project. The committee needs help bagging the artifacts on April 27th. Contact Karlie if able to help.

Hospitality: Pat Caldwell not present. No report submitted

Legislative: There was a legislative luncheon in March. Nine AARSPA members attended. New Representatives dropped in to answer questions from members. The conversation re: pensions has been ongoing since 1979. This year the initial Governor's budget left our \$'s for education. The final budget does reflect an increase in allocations but falls short of increase required by formula. There has been a push the past years to move to actuarial funding which advocates claim is more efficient.

Dollars are needed from state to continue to receive level of health care that has been provided in past by Board. These benefits are considered discretionary by the Board. Move to Silver Script was an effort to align to affordable health care.

A suggestion was made to include health care news in the newsletter. Perhaps set up an appointment to meet with the Superintendent to discuss. It is also important to keep membership informed re: legislative actions so that emails can be sent to local reps.

Membership: Carol Kirby reports that there are 138 new members. The database of membership is being updated to move newsletter to email status. There are +/- 2,035 members at this time. We are the only local that is showing growth at this time. The MRSPA directory is available online. There are 180 local members only.

Newsletter: Carla Duls reported current informer has been printed and will be labeled on 4/15/15. There will be two versions this time. Email version will contain all information. Printed version will have an insert with updates.

Nominating: Barry Fader reports no progress on nominations for treasurer. Please contact him with ideas. 410-562-7348

Photography: John Hammond reports he will take pictures when requested.

Program Committee: Charlie Gable reviews proposed agenda for upcoming General Membership meeting at Renditions Golf Course on May 14th. It will include: a remembrance ceremony; performance from Voices in Melody; introduction of the Scholarship winners w/parents and the introduction of the Teacher of the Year. Next General Membership meeting will be September 10, 2015. Karen Straughan, Ass't State's Attorney will be invited to discuss Senior Scams. Possible location may be Two Rivers in Pasadena.

Public Relations: Bob Kanach and Carol Kirby have been working with Constant Contact to set up database for electronic newsletter.

Raffles: Sandra Edmonds reports that tickets will be 2 for a \$1.00 There was a 50/50 drawing at the luncheon in Florida to benefit the scholarship fund.

Remembrance: Millie Zipay reports that a Remembrance ceremony is planned for next luncheon. Nina Griffin will locate people to present flowers and read names. At this time there are 42 Emeritus members. Birthdays for April, May and June will be celebrated at the luncheon with gift cards prizes. Free School stationery will be sold – 10/\$3.00.

Scholarship: Tiilie Barckley reports that the committee received 12 applications for AARSP scholarships. The committee met at the Annapolis Elks Lodge (thanks to Tony) to evaluate the applications. Three nominees were selected. They are Megan Wolfe, South River HS, Emilie Andercyk, Northeast HS, and Abigail DelPrete of Severna Park HS. Ceremony to present the scholarships will be held on April 27th at Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn. Donations have been received in varying amounts to support the Scholarship for Scholars. Donations in memory include the following: Monica Miller Chaney, Raymond Krolicki, Bill Rogers, Hilda Gohrband, Mary (Sue) Norris, Elizabeth (Betty) O'Hara, Ellen Phebus, John A. DeSimone Frank and Irene Hanson, Don Stoddard and Julia Levin Feldman.

Travel and Trips: Trip to Longwood gardens is sold out. Dorothy-Megan Crab Feast Cruise scheduled for September 16. Cost will be \$85/ticket. BSO Christmas program has been cancelled.

Pre-retirement: Joel Drapalski reports that the spring workshop will be held at Arundel High School on April 18th co-sponsored by AARSPA and TAAAC-R. This will be Joel's last meeting and we want to thank him for his contributions to the organization.

MRSPA News/Updates: Annual Business meeting will be held on May 12, 2015 at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. 17 delegates will represent AARSPA. Each local is asked to develop a display highlighting accomplishments for this meeting. Two of our members are nominated for state officers: Alicia Hardisky – Treasures, Carla Duls- Secretary.

Judy Zahern, Executive Director of MRSPA will attend the May luncheon.

Charlie Gable represented AARSPA at the President's Meeting in March. One of major issues discussed is the tradition of granting free dues and lunches to Emeritus members. These members are 90 years old and older. MRSPA claims that with these numbers growing it will be necessary to increase the regular dues. Some LEA's have 100 Emeritus members. Other options are being explored to handle this situation.

Florida Get Together: See agenda

New Business: Possible celebration of 75th AARPSA Anniversary CAT-N suggested as possible location. Possible to ask the 17 past presidents to attend.

Dates to Remember:

May 12, 2015 – MRSPA Annual Business Meeting - Turf Valley Ellicott City

May 14, 2015 – General Membership Meeting/luncheon Renditions Golf Course
Davidsonville, meeting begins at 10:30

May 19, 2015 – AARSP trip to Longwood Gardens.

June 11, 2015- AARSPA Executive Board Meeting Free School 10:00 AM

July 9, 2015 – AARSPA Executive Board meeting BOE Center III 10:00 AM

September 10, 2015 – General Membership meeting location TBA

September 16, 2015 Dorothy-Megan Crab Feast.

Respectfully submitted 6/7/15 by Sue Errichiello