

ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

July 14, 2016

Center 2A, BOE Building

Attendance: Barry Fader, Millie Zipay, John Hammond, Rosemary Biggart, Karlie Everett, Deborah Ahalt,, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, John Salwach, Anthony Anzalone, Tillie Barckley, and Sharyn Doyle

President Barry Fader called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Fader passed around an updated roster of the 2016-17 Executive Board and asked everyone to check the information for accuracy so that he could submit the update to MRSPA. Millie Zipay asked Board members to note her new information: Millie Gardner and her new email address: mgbw16@gmail.com. John Hammond shared his correct email address: jmchammond@yahoo.com. John Salwach shared his correct email: jssalwach@icloud.com

President Fader then distributed the meeting agenda and minutes from the previous Executive Board meeting on June 9, 2016. After review, two changes were recommended and minutes approved. The changes included adding Bob Kanach to the list of attendees and correcting the Free School statement about the Fairview Farm family visit for **Next** summer and not **Later this summer**.

Treasurer Rosemary Biggart distributed the Treasurer's Report FY2016 and the Proposed FY 2017 Budget as of July 14, 2016. She reviewed the differences noting several items of focus:

- Dues are the primary source of income. John Hammond reminded us that TAAAC is our competition and their members are still linked with MSEA and NEA, enjoying benefits from these organizations. They accept only teachers. We accept teachers and other school personnel. Our members also can enjoy benefits from MRSPA. Treasurer Biggart noted that last year's projected membership was significantly higher than the actual number of members belonging to the association and thus the expected income was inflated as discussed at the June Executive Board meeting. The MRSPA Membership Report for AARSPA dated 03/16 was distributed and is attached for reference. Our current total is 1724 with a 64% decrease in membership...yet we are projecting 1875 members for 2017. We had 61 members die this year which has affected our numbers.
- President Fader again pointed out that it is very important that we encourage newly retired members to join and that we keep existing members on board.
- The Susie Jablinske story was again told how she was speaking at the Pre-Retirement session and was asked by one of the attendees..."Which group would you recommend we join...the TAAAC group or AARSPA?" Her response was BOTH. She may lead our competition yet she helps us also with USM and statements like this one.

- Scholarship monies donated exceeded expectations. Discussion ensued about offering 4 scholarships in 2017 versus the standard 3 offered in the past.
- Scholarship Contributions – 21st Century was projected to be minimal in 2016, yet resulted in \$4473 due to Tillie’s work at the February and May general membership meetings and donations in memory of Francis Pittman, Clint Gosnell, Florence Kerwath, and Paul Acito and in honor of John Hammond and Charlie Gable for their work for the association and its members.
- Anthony Anzalone told us that scholarship announcements are distributed at the end of the first semester and 4 will be welcomed with each having a value of \$4000.
- President Fader suggested funeral homes add us to the list of charities family members can use for donations in lieu of flowers. A letter can be developed and sent out to funeral homes.
- Tillie Barckley also reminded us that donations to the 21st Century Foundation Fund donations are tax deductible while donations made directly to the AARSPA Scholarship fund are not.
- Rick discussed Line 32 Voices in Melody, thanking us for the support and sharing there are 30 members, the director, and the accompanist. Generally 40 copies of music are ordered, so full projected amount is appreciated. He will add a goal of recruiting more music teachers to AARSPA.
- Line 16 Program shows an increase.
- Lines 17 and 40 are the exact same with \$100 budgeted on Line 17 Preservation/Records/Archives and \$0 budgeted on Line 40 called Preservation Records/Archives. Consider combining these 2 lines.
- Line 18 Community Service Award monies went up. Congratulations again to Phyllis Cherry and her committee for their award from MRSPA
- Line 19 Legislative Committee funds increased to pay for the room where we meet.
- Line 22 Remembrance/Gift Cards was increased and Millie thanked us for the generosity and reminded us we can give her any cards we don’t use that often come in the mail.
- Line 25 Public Relations decreased as it wasn’t used in 2016.
- Line 26 Newsletter & Directory Printing decreased thanks to email. Bob Kanach updated us on the statistics with the use of emails.
- Line 27 Postage is too hard to predict so kept same as projected in 2016, even though we are using email more, we still have postage needs.

- Line 29 Senior Hall of Fame raised based on actual funds used in 2016 beyond the projected amount.
- Line 30 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Ad will move to \$0 and move to Line 38 Miscellaneous
- Line 35 President's Award Cup....surprise gift so no details given since President Fader was present
- Line 37 Web site renewal/Constant Contact will be paid by the Board versus Bob Kanach using his own credit card and getting reimbursed
- Line 38 Miscellaneous was overspent so it was increased
- Bob Kanach brought up combining lines 17 and 40
- Rick Wiles mentioned that not all Voices in Melody Chorus Members are AARSPA members. Bob Kanach explained the membership fee to him.
- A decision was made to combine Lines #17 and 40 and move Sr. Citizens Hall of Fame Ad to Miscellaneous
- Johns Salwach made the motion and Anthony Anzalone seconded it. President Fader led the voting process. Vote was taken and unanimously approved. The 2017 Proposed Budget with these modifications will be shared at the September General membership Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody" – Rick Wiles shared the last concert was June 28th and the chorus has performed 9 concerts so far this spring. He is now scheduling winter concerts with new music and new equipment. He has 3 ill members currently. He also received an application for a donation, yet it had 3 pages worth of complex paperwork to complete so he is opting not to apply.

Corresponding Secretary – No report at this time.

Recording Secretary – Sharyn Doyle was thanked for taking over this role.

Assistant to the Recording Secretary – Vacant

Community Service/Education Committee – Karlie Everett and Deborah Ahalt shared most projects will be the same as last year. A new project with Animal Control donations is planned. At the September luncheon, school supplies; November luncheon, canned goods, February luncheon, clothing. Anthony Anzalone is working with Social Services. Books are collected at the May luncheon. In October, participation in the Alzheimer's Walk will be

promoted and literature was distributed about the walk. Carla Duls will have a Metropolitan Event packet prepared.

Educator/Employee of the Month – Anthony Anzalone distributed a Program Overview and summarized the key points including the September 3rd kick-off, job description of committee staff and all steps and notes are catalogued.

Free School - Tour chair, Karlie Everett shared a recent project with a Geo Cache for a scout badge. The intern from Londontowne has been phenomenal. She has helped narrow down artifacts to the time period of 1700-1800. Discussion ensued about the need for more display cases and photos of possible cases were passed around. Purchase of 2 locked archival display cases will be made to help accommodate the many visitors of all ages and the need to protect these artifacts. She also updated us on the history of the building and its tuition based school closing in 1867 and the site becoming a private residence.

Going Green – Bob Kanach updated us on the use of emails for the newsletter and how over 700 members have opened the email, and not the attachment.

Historian & Editor of the “Informer” –Carla Duls is on vacation yet Board was reminded that July 29th is the due date for their reports.

Legislation – No report at this time

Membership Chairperson – Membership discussed earlier and no additional information at this time.

Pre-Retirement Committee – John Salwach shared the projected date is October 22nd and the location is TBD. In the past it has been at Annapolis High and resulted in a large turnout.

Program Committee – Charles Gable was absent and Bob Kanach reported that Susan Baugher will be coming to our September general meeting to share information about benefits for our members. Entertainment will be Too Smooth Dudes.

Publicity Committee – Deborah Ahalt reported the amenability of the Capital for publishing photos of our events. She also corrected her email address: djahalt@aol.com

Raffle Committee: No report at this time.

Remembrance & Sunshine Committee– Millie Gardner shared the need for more cards (sympathy, birthday, get well) and asked they be brought to the luncheon. She shared a thank you note from Jeanne Hartge, in appreciation for her birthday card. She turned 90 and shared how she is now singing and playing piano for birthdays of church friends. She may not be great and it may not be fancy, yet it has been well received and she loves doing it at 90 years of age and widowed for 3½ years.

President Fader also shared a letter from the nurse at Van Bokkelen Elementary thanking us for the supplies and a letter from Max Muller thanking us for the May luncheon invitation.

Scholarship – Tillie Barckley will obtain a yearly report about donations to help with budget planning in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Refer to pages 1-3 of these notes.

Trip & Travel Committee News – Lucy Travers is at the doctor's office this morning. Several Board members contributed information about an upcoming October 19th Gettysburg trip, trip to 9-11 memorial and trip to Florida.

United Seniors of Maryland – Susie Jablinske was not able to attend. She does represent us and USM is in need of more members also.

New and Old Business

Old Business – There was no old business brought up.

New Business – President Fader reminded board members that the officers would be installed at the September meeting.

Adjournment –John Salwach made the motion to adjourn and Rick Wiles seconded it. Motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sharyn Doyle
Acting Recording Secretary