

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**"Free School"**  
**Rutland Road**  
**Davidsonville, Maryland**  
**June 14, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Betty Ann White, Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Howard Hall, Carla Duls, Susie Jablinske, Charlie Toth, Virginia Crespo, Sandra Edmonds, Charlie Gable, Ione Williams, Joel Drapalski, James Williams, Thelma Auman & Ed Stofko.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. He then introduced Collin Campbell, a reporter from the "Arundel Sun". Collin is writing an article about the "Free School" based on an interview with Howard Hall. The article with pictures will be published on June 17, 2012.

**PLEDGE:** Ione led the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES:** John Hammond presented the minutes from the April 12, 2012 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob presented the May'2012 report. It was approved and filed for audit. In addition, he provided a letter from Lois I. Sowell, CPA which included information concerning a financial review of the records. The review indicated our financial records are in order and financially sound.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Legislation:** Virginia Crespo reported that the special legislative session was held and the cost of retirement pensions was transferred to the locals over a four year transition period. Based on the maintenance of effort requirements, our board received additional funding this year. Virginia emphasized that our legislators as a whole don't understand that the state does not fund our retirement benefits such as health care and we should make a serious effort to remind them of this fact.

**Archives / History:** Carla Duls reminded everyone that end of year reports are due. Send the end of year reports to Carla at: kid3die@aol.com.

**Constitution - By-Laws:** Ed Stofko indicated there was nothing new to report.

**Chorus:** Ione reported the chorus had 8-9 performances this spring. The chorus has been performing for 20+ years. Ione also presented a thank you note to Bob Kanach and his wife for their generous donation of a graphic poster (Voices in Melody) and carrying bag for the chorus. The note will be included in the meeting minutes.

**Community Service:** Open position. Bob agreed to take over this committee until a replacement chairperson is found.

**Consumer Education:** Charlie Gable indicated he had nothing new to report.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** No report.

**Finance/Budget:** Alicia Hardisky reported she is working on the new budget and is scheduling a committee meeting for June 28, 2012. She asked for assistance from committee chairs who have financial needs for the coming year.

**Free School:** Howard gave a short historical review of the "Free School". Bob shared information regarding a proposal by an eagle scout candidate to build a walkway from the street to the front door of the building. The committee approved the project with the understanding the walkway would be made with oyster shells and have the approval of the county historical society. Bob has contacted Lisa Seamon-Crawford at the central office about the project and she has given him the names of the contact persons who handle third party projects for the board. He will give this information to Max to share with the eagle scout.

**Hospitality:** No report.

**Membership:** Carol Kirby reported we distributed brochures to all new retirees at the board's retirement ceremony at Michael's 8th Avenue. Letters will be sent to all new retirees. The print shop printed 500 new brochures. Carol feels we need to update our brochure with pictures of new retirees.

**Remembrance:** Diane Rogers sent word that she hopes to join us in the future. Many positive comments were made about the "Remembrance Ceremony" at the May meeting/luncheon held at Renditions.

**Newsletter/ Informer:** Betty Ann reported that Carla Duls is doing a great job on the newsletter. August 6th is the deadline for articles for the next newsletter. Send articles directly to Carla Duls. Her e-mail address is: kid3die@aol.com.

**Photography:** Thelma presented her end of the year summary report.

**Pre-Retirement:** Joel Drapalski reported the committee will meet on July 12th at 9:00 AM in Center III. The fall pre-retirement session is scheduled for November 10, 2012.

**Programs:** Bob reported the September meeting will have a presentation titled: "Staying Youthful".

**Public Relations:** Bob reported we are working with Bill Brose to work out some web site problems. Our next step will be to send out the newsletter via e-mail.

**Raffle:** Nothing to report.

**Scholarship:** Karlie is working on getting 21st Century funds transferred to our account in order to close out this year's account.. Howard read a letter from Delaney Gunther, a 2011 scholarship recipient who shared an update on her educational progress and appreciation for the scholarship funds.

**Travel:** Howard Hall reported the Baltimore Symphony will conduct a Christmas "Holiday Pops" performance on December 13, 2012. The cost will be determined and included in the August newsletter.

**United Seniors of Maryland:** Susie Jablinske distributed the most recent newsletter and indicated plans are underway for next year.

**Nominations:** Bob and lone thanked those who stepped up to serve as officers for the 2012-2013 year.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together:** There was a discussion about having the luncheon on alternating years and there was concern that doing so may cause the demise of the tradition. Bill Norman has offered to host the January'2013 event. Bob indicated only 5 people responded in favor of alternating years. Howard agreed to check on the cost on a charter bus to Florida. As it stands now there appears to be support to keep the January Florida meeting scheduled for next year with the hopes of encouraging more retirees to sign-up and participate. Tentative dates are 1/24 -1/25/2013.

**Picnic at the "Free School":** Bob shared an idea to schedule a picnic at the "Free School". The membership seemed supportive of the idea.

### **AARSPA 2012 - 2013 Calendar Distributed**

#### **Important Dates:**

July 12, 2012 - Executive Board Meeting - Conference Room #3 at 10:00 am.

August 6, 2012 - Deadline for newsletter articles.

September 13, 2012 - General Membership Meeting/Luncheon - Snyder's Willow Grove  
in Linthicum, Md. Registration at 9:45 am. and meeting starts at  
10:30 am.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 11:15 A.M.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John Hammond, Recording Secretary**