

# **Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**

## **General Membership Meeting**

**March 14, 2013**

**Michael's 8th Avenue, Glen Burnie, Maryland**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Kanach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

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

**Special Plaques** - Howard Hall - Bob Kanach shared information from Mrs. Hall that Margaret Sherkey has provided two plaques in Howard Hall's memory. One is for the Free School and one is for his church.

**MINUTES:** John Hammond provided copies of the minutes from the September 13, 2012 meeting. The minutes were approved for filing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Alicia Hardisky shared the recent monthly financial reports for the Gunson Fund, Free School and AARSPA Funds. The reports were accepted and filed for audit.

**Greetings from MRSPA** - Judy Zahren, Executive Director of MRSPA brought greetings from MRSPA and Stuart Tucker, President. She congratulated our organization for being so active and for stepping forward to assist with MRSPA initiatives and activities. She also reviewed the list of AARSPA members who are running for office - Max Muller, President -Elect and Carla Duls - Secretary. She indicated Estelle Johnson will be chairing the planning committee for the next MRSPA Conference/Convention in 2014. Indications are that the legislation to move from corridor pension funding to actuarial pension funding is moving forward in a fast track manner. MRSPA is also working to maintain our defined benefits pension funding. She and Bob encouraged everyone to check the MRSPA web site and to actively communicate with their elected representatives. Judy also indicated that MRSPA membership has shown a 1% increase this year as opposed to the 1% decrease last year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Legislative / United Seniors of Maryland:** Virginia Crespo indicated House Bill 496 passed the House 130 to 0. The legislative luncheon was a success and things are relatively quiet with very little arm twisting taking place. She also explained that the United Seniors Forum was cancelled because it was too close to the end of the legislative session.

**Newsletter:** Carla reported our next deadline is April 1, 2013. She thanked everyone for their input and encouraged articles on "School Days" topics and topics involving interactions with past students and highlights of member achievements.

**Scholarships:** Karlie Everett thanked everyone for their continued financial generosity. Based on receipts, we will offer three \$4000 scholarships this year. The scholarship committee has met and made their selections and the awards will be made at the Scholarships for Scholarships ceremony on April 29, 2013.

**Free School :** Karlie gave an update on Free School activities. There was a clean-up day on March 9th which was coordinated by Marie Diamond. The "Red Hats" toured the school on March 10th. There will be an organizational meeting on March 20th at 10 AM to discuss docents, school marms, and maintenance. Anyone interested in getting involved should attend the meeting at the Free School. Open Houses will take place on the 2nd Saturday & Sunday of the month beginning in April and ending in August. However, interested groups can schedule a special tour on other dates. Bob and Karlie will attend some upcoming elementary principal meetings to encourage involvement of elementary school students in visiting the Free School. They will also distribute a child friendly historical booklet about the school written by Chip Adamanis. The front walkway Eagle Scout project was also mentioned.

**Travel:** Lou Kamm indicated the upcoming Cherry Blossom trip is sold out. Lou also distributed a list of future trips, including a crab feast on a paddle boat scheduled for September and Hippodrome performances scheduled for December and June'2014.

**Birthday Gifts/ First Timer Picture:** Members with birthdays in January, February and March were reminded to pick up their gifts from the gift table. Also, pictures of the three first timers were taken for inclusion in the next newsletter.

**Florida Get-Together/Luncheon:** Charlie Gable gave an update on the outstanding Naples meeting/luncheon held in February. Charlie encouraged everyone to make an effort to attend next year's event which is tentatively scheduled to be held in Sarasota.

**Membership:** Carol Kirby reported 42 of our members passed away this year but we have 60 new members. Bob shared his goal to increase our membership and encouraged members to speak with others to join AARSPA.

**Pre-Retirement:** Joel Drapalski reported the next meeting will be held at Severna Park High School on April 13, 2013.

**Nominations:** Nominations are needed for Recording Secretary, and Assistant Recording Secretary for the 2013 /2014 year. Charlie Gable is our next president.

**Guest Speaker:** Charlie Gable introduced Corporal Jimmy Miller, Crime Prevention Unit, AA County Police. Corporal Miller made a power point presentation on "Safety for Seniors"

#### **Old Business:**

**MRSPA Candidates:** Max Muller is running for President-Elect and Carla Duls is running for Secretary.

#### **New Business:**

**Scholarship Donation Report:** Karlie Everett reported that \$293.00 was collected in the Scholarship envelopes at the luncheon, plus \$73.50 was earned through the 50/50 raffle for a total of \$366.50 put toward the Scholarship Fund.

**Entertainment:** Charlie Gable introduced Nancy Abramson, "Nancy Sings"

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm.**

**Reminders:**

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

April 11, 2013 - Executive Board Mtg. - Board of Ed. Building - Center II - 10:00 AM

April 29, 2013 - Scholarships for Scholars - Chesapeake Arts Center on Hammonds Lane - 7:00 PM

May 9, 2013 - General Membership/Luncheon Meeting - Renditions Golf Course , Davidsonville -  
Registration starts at 9:45 AM and meeting starts at 10:30 AM

May 14, 2013 - MRSPA Annual Business Meeting - Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis -8:00 AM

June 13, 2013 - Executive Board Meeting - Free School - 10:00 AM

July 11, 2013 - Executive Board Meeting - Board of Ed. Building - Center III - 10:00 AM

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**John Hammond, Recording Secretary**