

# **Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**

## **General Membership Meeting November 14, 2013 Center of Applied Technology North Severn, Maryland 21144**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Charlie Gable welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM

**GREETINGS:** Mr. Dan Schaffhauser, Principal of Cat-North welcomed everyone to the school and presented a check to the organization in the amount of \$300 from the business community. The check is to be used for the AARSPA scholarship fund.

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

**SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS:** Charlie Gable welcomed 5 emeritus members and 13 "first timers" to the luncheon. He reviewed the meeting agenda, the upcoming Venice, Florida luncheon/meeting and informed everyone of the guest speakers. He also discussed the planned entertainment and dismissal time.

**MINUTES:** Charlie provided copies of the minutes from the September 12, 2013 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Charlie reported we have 1899 members. We have 38 emeritus members, 47 new members and 26 members have passed away since July 1, 2013. We have dropped 46 members for not paying their annual membership dues.

**Free School Announcements:** Karlie Everett reviewed the booklets and pamphlets available at each table on the free school. She gave a brief overview of the school and available tours and how to schedule a tour. She thanked Bob Kanach and his wife Mary Jo for helping to clear out things at the school in order to make the building more authentic. She also thanked Max Muller for his hard work in the development of an inventory of old books that have been donated to the school. Karlie visited the Calvert County historic school. The next luncheon will be held at the Blue Dolphin restaurant in Crofton, Md. Karlie will arrange to have the school open after the luncheon for anyone that would like a tour.

**Legislative:** Virginia Crespo and Bob Kanach are not with us today because they are attending the MRSPA Legislative Day in Annapolis. The United Seniors of Maryland Forum is scheduled for January 21, 2014 at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md.

**Bylaws Proposed Revisions:** Charlie reviewed the bylaw revisions approved by the executive board at their last meeting on October 15, 2013. The changes will be voted upon by the general membership at the next general membership meeting/luncheon scheduled in February'2014.

**Newsletter:** Carla reported our next deadline is December 15, 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:** Tillie Barckley thanked everyone for their continued financial generosity. Based on receipts, we awarded three \$4000 scholarships this year. She reviewed the procedures for making an AARSPA donation and a 21st Century Foundation donation.

**Travel:** Lou Kamm indicated the crab feast/cruise was a huge success. The "White Christmas" production at the Hippodrome has 26 participants signed up. He is looking at future productions such as "The Sister Act" in June'2014 and it will include lunch at Georges Restaurant in Baltimore City which offers a roof top view of the city. In addition, he is exploring the possibility of a fall train ride in Delaware and a show at the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pa.

**Remembrance:** Millie Zipay conducted the birthday drawings for members celebrating birthdays in October, November and December. Winners included: Sylvia Jones, Monica DeLucia, Diane Holmes, Judy German, Nellie Butler, Gail Keason, Mary Etta Dorr and Kathy Lauritzen.

**BREAK:** Pictures taken of emeritus members and first timers.

**Presentation - Venice, Florida :** Phyllis Cherry made a media presentation on Venice, Florida which is the host location for this year's Florida luncheon. Phyllis shared a tremendous amount of information including travel info., cultural and historical points of interest and local attractions such as restaurants and shops. She also distributed a number of pamphlets and handouts which were relevant to visitors to the Venice area. Shirley Phillips is hosting the winter luncheon/meeting and is having cocktails and snacks at her home on March 12th. The luncheon will take place on March 13th at the Venice Yacht Club. Charlie encouraged everyone to consider attending the meeting/luncheon in Venice this year. "Save The Date" messages are being sent to Florida members.

**Scholarship Funds:** Tillie Barckley reported the following funds were collected at today's luncheon: Cash -\$333, AARSPA check - \$300, 21st Century check - \$160. Total -\$793.00.

**Guest Speakers:**

Florie Bozzella, Executive Director of Human Resources and Mr. Greg Pilewski, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction spoke to the group as representatives for Ms. Maimie Perkins, Acting Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Bozzella spoke about the federal Affordable Care Act and informed the group that our medical plan and prescription plan premiums will remain the same for 2014. Our dental plan will have a slight increase. Also, our medical card will include our prescription plan data. We will no longer need referrals for specialists and we will receive our new medical cards after January 1, 2014. We will need to resubmit our new medical cards to our doctors and to our CVS prescription plan offices. Changes will probably be coming in the future.

Mr. Greg Pilewski shared information about the new "Common Core" state standards and said now is the best time to be in education because we know more now than ever before about technology and how students learn. This generation has grown up in a very diverse society and challenging economy.

The "Common Core" standards will focus on Mathematics, English, Language Arts and Writing and will better prepare students for college and a career.

**LUNCHEON:** Charlie introduced the staff and students who prepared our luncheon.

Mr. Bruce Davis, Culinary Arts

Mr. Peter Akerboom, Baking & Pastry

Ms. Monica Marshall, Teaching Assistant

**Entertainment:** Mr. Tim Amann played a variety of musical numbers until 1:45 PM.

**Important Dates:**

The Chorus. "Voices in Melody" Winter Concert dates were distributed to all attendees . The dates/locations are as follows:

December 4th - Arnold Senior Center - 1 PM

December 6th - Pascal Senior Center - 12:30 PM

December 9th - Annapolis Senior Center - 1 PM

December 11th - O'Malley Senior Center - 12:30 PM

December 12th - Pasadena Senior Center - 12:30 PM

December 16th - South County Sr. Center - 1 PM

December 17th - Atria Manresa

Dates to Remember:

December 15th - Deadline for "The Informer" - January edition

January 9th - Exec. Board Mtg. - 10 AM - BOE

February 6th - Luncheon/Mtg. - Blue Dolphin - 10:30 AM

February 13th - Blue Dolphin - Snow Date - Check Web Site

March 12th - 13th - Florida "Get - Together" - Venice, Florida

**The meeting/luncheon concluded at 1:45 PM.**

**Respectfully reported by:**

**John Hammond, Assistant Recording Secretary**