

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
September 14, 2023
Kurtz Beach, Pasadena, MD**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM by Co-Presidents Sharyn Doyle/Tony Anzalone

Pledge to the Flag: Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings and Introductions: Co-Presidents Doyle/Anzalone welcomed our guests and reviewed the agenda. Guests in attendance:

- Emeritus Attendees: None
- First Time Attendees:
 - Denise Anderson, Carolyn Burton-Page, Walter & Sharon Federowicz, Reggie & Nancy Haseltine, Charles & Carol Jansky, Deborah Turner
- Special Guests
 - Carla Duls, MRSPA President
 - Leslie Heiderman Schell, MRSPA Committee Chairperson
 - Carla Thomas and Tara Benson, AACPS Retirement Coordinators
 - Musical Selections by Larry & Bill Duo

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report

Zetta Hart summarized the minutes from May 8th meeting. The group accepted the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

No report given

Committee Reports: Co-President Anzalone now leading the meeting

AARSPA Chorus, Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported a rehearsal is scheduled for September 19, 2023, 2:00-3:30 PM

Consumer Education/Community Service

Tony Anzalone and Phyllis Cherry shared an article about fire safety and fire blankets. Attendees were warned about the issues of putting a personal check in your home mailbox or outside free-standing mailboxes. Travel Maryland booklets were available for attendees. Attention was brought to the health issues of senior citizens who are struggling on a daily basis. Young people with families that have low incomes are also struggling. School supplies collected today are for children and teachers in AACPS.

Free School Museum

Karlie Everett distributed save-the-date cards for the Free School's 300 Years Celebration. She summarized the numerous activities and events planned for October 26th and October 28th. The Saturday events are planned for children and their families.

Guest Speaker

Carla Thomas and Tara Benson from the AACPS Retirement Office shared information about the Open Enrollment event coming up. Letters will be sent out to retirees between October 16th and 27th. If you plan to continue as is, with no changes, retirees should do nothing. October 18th, 1-3 PM, October 24th, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM are drop in dates for information. There is an 8% increase in medical coverage, dental 1%, and vision 3%. Copays will remain the same. No changes in prescription coverage. To receive a guide, contact the retirement office.

Educator/Employee of the Month

Awards will be made October- May this year. Certificates will be given at the celebration.

MRSPA

Virginia Crespo walked the attendees through the MRSPA website to identify resources available for retirees. The current bills in the state legislature are posted on the website for those who may be interested. Information about our pension updates is also posted. Ms. Crespo reminded the attendees that it is easy to take action with the legislature by emailing the representative in their district.

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell reported that she and Marge Smith are working on the new directory, and is hopeful that it will be ready for the next luncheon. Twenty-two local members have not renewed their membership and will be contacted by the committee. The committee is also working on a Power Point presentation to share with new retirees.

Pre-Retirement

Susan Baugher announced there would be no fall retiree program. She will meet with the Retirement Office this fall for addition news.

Remembrance Committee

Guests were reminded by Millie Gardner to enter the birthday drawing if they had a birthday in July, August, or September. There are six prizes. Currently, we have 64 emeritus members.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley provided the committee report. She shared that we will provide 4 scholarships this year. We received \$350 from the Killarney House fundraiser and \$344 from Garry's Grill. The next fundraiser is October 11th at Brian Boru.

Trips and Travel

Rick Wiles reported that our trips are filling up quickly, so be sure to check them out before they become sold out. Trips are posted in The Informer. The committee is planning a trip for The Blue Angels in May, 2024.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 A.M.

Dates to Remember	
INFORMER Deadlines	Sept. 18, Dec. 29, Jan. 22
Wed., Oct. 4, 2023	Magic & Wonder Theater, "Jukebox Jive" Paradise PA, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Th. Oct. 12, 2023	Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Board of Education, Parham Building, Room 2A
Th. Nov. 9, 2023	General Membership Meeting /Luncheon, Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville, MD, 9:45 AM registration, meeting 10:30 AM. Voices in Melody will perform.
Fri. Dec. 8, 2023	American Music Theater, "The First Noel" 10:00 AM-9:00 PM
Th., Jan. 11, 2024	Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Board of Education, Parham Building, Room 2A
Tue., Jan. 30, 2024	MRSPA Legislative Workshop, 10:00 AM
Th., Feb. 8, 2024	General Membership Meeting/Luncheon, Olive Grove Restaurant, 9:45 AM registration, meeting 10:30 AM. (Snow Date: February 15, 2024)

Respectfully submitted:
Zetta Hart, Recording Secretary