

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
September 15, 2022
Kurtz on the Beach**

Greetings, Overview, and Special Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Co-President Debbie Ahalt. Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Co-President Ahalt spent the first several minutes thanking everyone for her get well wishes after her surgery. She also reviewed the agenda and explaining the format of the meeting. Co-President Ahalt welcomed the new members as well as the Emeritus Members

First Time Members: Leanne Domshick, Vonzella Franklin, Bonnie Phelps, Lorraine Faris and Edie Pickens

Emeritus Members: Marie Diamond is now Emeritus

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Edie Pickens and seconded by Dixie Stack. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Max Muller presented the treasurer's report. He reviewed the new activity and expenditures since the last update. He reported this was the first year we have a fiscal year budget since MRSPA has modified their membership to reflect fiscal year. In the past, we would have received extra monies from MRSPA for new membership from February to June so as reflected on Line 12 of the report, \$1000 was transferred from our savings account. He reviewed the Free School and Gunson Fund reports also. Ron Ruffo made a motion to accept the report. Mille Gardner seconded the motion. The membership accepted the report as presented.

Committee Reports: Co-President Gable now led the meeting

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Gibson reported that AACPS Teacher of the Year, Charles Whitaker was recognized by 21st Century Foundation and he is now a finalist for the State Teacher of the Year.

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus has 34 members and they are still looking for a new director to lead the group. They have a full calendar of concerts beginning with November 10th at Renditions and including others at local senior centers. Judy Englemeyer, Acting Choir Director was nominated and accepted into the MD Senior Citizens Hall of Fame with an induction ceremony on October 20th.

Community Service/ Consumer Education

A report for the committee was given by Phyllis Cherry. Members were thanked for their generous donations of school supplies and an offer was made for a monetary donation in the future with shopping done for the member in return. November meeting donations will be canned goods. Members were also reminded to check out the MRSPA website for assistance with major health issues, scams and other topics such as downsizing.

Free School Museum

Bob Kanach gave the report for the Free School. The school will be 300 years old in 2023 and an Anniversary Celebration is being planned for October, 2023. Bob also reviewed the information listed on the agenda about more docents needed. Several trees were taken down thanks to AACPS.

Membership

The membership report was given by Marge Smith. She reported AARSPA had the largest growth in our membership compared to other counties our size. We have 1672 members, 61 Emeritus, 164 locals

and 17 new members. Attendees were also encouraged to look at the Informer on line versus a mailed copy. A new directory may be issued in fall of 2023 and an Eastern Shore light lunch in Cambridge will be scheduled in April 2023.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner reminded the group about the birthday drawing and encouraged members having birthdays in the three months mentioned to add their names. Co-President Gable thanked Millie and her committee members by name.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley provided the committee report. There will be four \$4,000 scholarships this year. Donations are still being accepted in the bright yellow envelopes on each table. She also reviewed the success of the Brian Boru partnership, resulting in \$380 and reminded attendees about the Garry’s Grill partnership for September 22nd from 4-9 p.m. Co-President Gable also shared that Scholarship for Scholars guidelines now include each scholarship must be \$5000 from every participating organization.

Trips and Travel

Lucy Travers reported the October 12th trip is full and reminded attendees who are participating to please bring a drink and snacks for the trip up since there will be no stops. The return trip will include a stop. “It’s a Wonderful Life” at Toby’s Dinner Theater in Columbia, on December 7th, still has room on the bus and show tickets for anyone still interested.

Carolyn Smith also spoke and thanked Lucy and Bob for all of their care with our travel program.

MRSPA Updates:

Co-President Gable reviewed the items listed on the agenda.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Guest Speakers

Susan Baugher introduced our two guest speakers, Carla Thomas and Bridgette Wicklein. Bridgette introduced herself and reported there will be a 2% increase across the board for healthcare in 2023 with no changes to plans. If a retiree is keeping the same plans, no need to do anything at enrollment time. There will be no mailing of enrollment materials, yet printed version can be requested via a letter soon to be sent to participants. The enrollment period is 10/17-10/28. All information will be posted on the website.

Susan reported the need for teachers, mentors, bus drivers, etc. Tax cap has been dropped for retirees and Christine Brown at 410-266-3639 or cbrown2@aacps.org is a contact person for any questions with this matter.

Lunch was served and Too Cool Dudes provided entertainment.

Birthday raffle winners were awarded and \$747 for scholarship fund was collected. The 50/50 Winner earned \$123.

Adjournment: A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Dates to Remember	
September 22	Scholarship Fundraiser at Garry’s Grill 4-9 p.m.
October 6	Executive Board Meeting – BOE Center 2A 10 a.m.
November 10	General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Renditions
December 7	Toby’s Dinner Theatre – “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Respectfully submitted
Sharyn Doyle, Substitute Recording Secretary