

AARSPA
Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Minutes
Center of Applied Technology - North
November 16, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:32 by Barry Fader, President. Adam Sheinhorn, Assistant Principal CAT-N, welcomed us.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge to flag was led by Charlie Gable

Greetings and Special Introductions: Barry Fader welcomed the following:

- Guests included Monique Jackson, Deputy Superintendent for Student and School Support; Bill Goodman, Senior Manager for Human Capital Management; and Patti Nalley, AACPS BOE Executive Board Member and member of AARSPA
- Emeritus members included Mary Etta Dorr, Frances Middleton, Herb Sappington, Jackie Evans, and Ethel Bohle
- Hall of Fame inductees included Patricia Caldwell, Tillie Barckley and Larry Day
- First timers included Alberta Baker, Janet Brown, Joanne Christofel, and Bill Yakaitis

Hosts for the Day: Appreciation was given to CAT-N administration for hosting the event and to the staff and students for the services provided.

Special Recognition: Barry Fader shared special recognition and appreciation for recent donations from the September 8th General Membership meeting, Hall of Fame inductees, insurance packet distribution, the Alzheimer's Walk, Retiree meeting, recent Gettysburg trip, membership participation in AARSPA activities, and the need to ask more colleagues to join.

Special Announcements: Announcements were made concerning raffle tickets, lavatory facilities, cheesecake orders pick up and photos to be taken.

Overview of Activities: Barry Fader presented a short overview of the upcoming committee reports.

Treasurer's Report: Rosemary Biggart presented the budget update. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Vote was taken and the report was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes from the September 8th General Membership Meeting at Two Rivers Steak and Fish House: Sharyn Doyle presented the minutes with two corrections for review. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with the noted changes. Vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Green Going: Bob Kanach discussed the transition of using email versus US Mail for newsletters and other correspondence.

Legislation Committee: Virginia Crespo reviewed the recent Legislative Forum held by MRSPA. Members were encouraged to contact their legislators, introducing themselves now (before session begins in January) via the MRSPA website and share the legislative priorities identified in the trifold attached to the agenda.

Community Service Committee: Phyllis Cherry, Community Service Co-Chairperson and Consumer Education Chairperson, restated the need for members to contact their legislators. Her review included the success of the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" and she extended a special thanks to members for their contributions to projects such as the current ones for Food Bank and the Animal Control Center. Members were reminded about the next luncheon donations for Health Room clothing and books for Point Pleasant and Van Bokkelen Elementary Schools. New ideas for projects were also welcomed.

Nominations Committee: Charlie Gable, Past President and Nominations Chairperson, reviewed the open positions, stressing the need for a President Elect, knowing this organization is now in its 76th year and has had 45 presidents and now needs #46.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie Barckley, Chairperson, thanked members again for their generosity resulting in 4 scholarships, each of \$4000, to be awarded this new school year versus 3 scholarships in past years. Donations were also encouraged to be placed in the blue envelope on each table. Checks can be made to 21st Century Foundation Inc. or AARSPA, and cash is accepted.

Trips and Travel Committee: Lucy Travers, Chairperson, reviewed the recent and upcoming trips, thanking members who responded to the survey in the Informer. Members were asked to complete the survey attached to the agenda for collection this morning.

Looking Back and Considering New Opportunities: The survey page titled *Looking Back and Consider New Opportunities/Directions for AARSPA* was distributed, completed and collected (refer to attachment). Barry Fader also mentioned the list of non-renewed AARSPA members was available for review and members were encouraged to call someone on the list they recognize and ask them to consider renewing. Cheesecakes ordered were also distributed.

Guest Speakers: Charlie Gable introduced the guest speakers. Bill Goodman, Monique Jackson and Patti Nalley each thanked the members for their service to the students in AACPS and encouraged continuing support of students via volunteering, substituting, mentoring, etc.

Lunch: As Barry Fader welcomed our lunch to be served, Millie Gardner came up to the microphone and reminded members who had a birthday in October, November or December to come to the back and take a chance to win one of several prizes. Lunch was served.

Appreciation: As desserts were being finished, Charlie Gable asked the staff and students who helped to create and serve the lunch to come forward. Students and their teachers introduced themselves and were thanked with a round of applause and a standing ovation from the members.

Entertainment: Charlie Gable introduced the *Evolving Acapella Singers* from Chesapeake High School under the direction of Michael Brisintine, their instructor. Students performed several songs and members applauded with an accompanying standing ovation.

Announcements and Adjournment: Announcements were reviewed as listed on the back page of the agenda packet. \$738 dollars were collected for the scholarship fund and winners were announced for the birthday prizes. Everyone was wished a very enjoyable holiday and the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.