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ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION General Membership Meeting September 16, 2010 Sheraton Annapolis Hotel

CALL TO ORDER: President lone Williams called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was led by Bob Kanach.

GREETINGS: lone welcomed the members to the general meeting. She shared with them that our association has been in existence for 70 years this year and gave a brief history of the organization from the inception in 1940.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes from the May meeting were available to the members present. lone asked for any corrections/changes. Seeing none, it was moved that the Minutes be accepted as presented, seconded and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: lone shared with the members the treasurer's report for July and August. She asked if there were any questions for Mary Overholser, our treasurer. Having none, the report was filed for audit.

GUEST SPEAKER: Magdeline Garcia, the Director of the Boys and Girls Club

spoke to the membership about the fact that the three clubs she supervised regularly serves up to 500 children between the ages of five and eighteen. She spoke about some of the programs available to the children and the great need for volunteers to help provide the programs. She left detailed information and volunteer registration forms for the member to peruse and consider. Magdeline is hopeful some of our members will volunteer.

FINANCE/BUDGET: Alicia Hardisky presented the Proposed Budget for 2011, explaining some of the changes from the previous year's budget and emphasized that the cost of running the organization continues to increase, particularly the publication and mailing of the Informer. Ione asked if there were any questions concerning the proposed budget then asked for a motion to accept the budget as presented. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget as presented, seconded and accepted by the membership.

FREE SCHOOL: Howard Hall gave an update of the status of the Free School and invited those who have not visited the site to do so. He shared the need for volunteers to man the facility during its open hours and stated that the building does have air conditioning and an indoor bathroom for everyone's comfort and convenience. He stated that the bridge on the road leading to the site has been repaired as well.

HOSPITALITY: Pat Caldwell shared with the members that the mums on each of the tables were provided by the Hospitality Committee and hinted that, "Mum's the word!" She explained that she would clarify this statement at the end of the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE: Virginia Crespo stated that there was little legislative action over the summer and will probably remain slow until after the elections. She encouraged everyone to get out and vote in November.

MEMBERSHIP: Carol Kirby stated that six new members were present at the meeting/luncheon today. Ione asked the new members to stand so that the others could welcome them. She informed them that they would have their picture taken at the conclusion of the meeting and before the luncheon at the front of the room.

NEWSLETTER: Betty Ann White addressed the attempted scam that some members experienced recently and the concern it presented. She stated that the concern would be explored and a solution sought to provide as much security to the membership email addresses. She reminded the need for articles for "The Informer," our organization's newsletter and that the deadline for the next newsletter is October 8, 2010. She shared that a committee is investigating sending out the newsletter electronically in an effort to cut costs. She concluded her presentation by sharing that Elaine Hollidayoke will be having a birthday shortly and that her son is having a reception for anyone who worked with Elaine on Saturday, September 18, 2010 beginning at 3:00pm at the Eastport Methodist Church.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Electa Holland reminded the new members present to report to the front of the room at the conclusion of the general meeting to have their picture taken.

PRE-RETIREMENT: Joel Drapalski informed the members that the next Pre-Retirement seminar will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Severna Park High School beginning at 8:45am. He invited current retirees to stop by and learn what the attendees will hear.

PROGRAM: Bob Kanach shared with the membership that we are looking into having one of our meetings next year, probably the November meeting, at the Center of Applied Technology - North. We are looking at having a tour of the facility and then have the luncheon prepared and presented to us by the students. This may allow us to move the September meeting to Snyder's Willow Grove so that those folks living at Charlestown might be able to join us for both meetings. He also reiterated Betty Ann's comments about the cost of the newsletter becoming very costly and the need to explore the idea of sending it out electronically. He assured those without Internet services that they would still receive the paper version. He stated that a committee is working with CAT-N to possibly print our newsletter as another cost-saving effort. He reminded the members present to complete the Information Cards on the tables so that our organization has everyone's correct email address.

SCHOLARSHIP: Karlie Everett has taken over the responsibility for the Scholarship Fund. She reminded the members that AARSPA gives out 3 scholarships of \$4,000 each year. We obtain money for these scholarships from the 50/50 raffle, envelopes that are on the tables during the luncheons, and donations. Donations can be made in honor or in memory of someone and the form for making donations appears in "The Informer." She stated they are working on making the form more user-friendly. In the next newsletter, even before the form is improved, members will notice that they are going back to a choice of how to make the checks payable. If you want a tax deduction, the check must be made payable to the 1121st Century Foundation." If you do not need the tax deduction documentation, then the check should be made out to AARSPA. All checks should be mailed to: Karlie Everett, 725 Warren Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Moving back to the fact that AARSPA is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, lone prepared a questionnaire for the membership to complete about the year 1940, the year our organization began under the original title, Anne Arundel Retired Teachers Association (AARTA). Time was allowed for all to answer the questions provided and then she gave the membership the correct answer to each question. Just prior to lunch being served, those folks who had birthdays in July, August and September were encouraged to select their gift from the Birthday Table of Gifts. The new members had their picture taken. Lunch was served followed by entertainment by a Barbershop Quartet from the Sons of the Severn who along with their songs gave a history of barbershop quartets and had those present singing along and doing "exercises." Members checked under their chairs to find the winner of the mom at each table. At 2:00pm the meeting was adjourned.