

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

General Membership Meeting

March 17, 2011

Michaels 8th Avenue, Glen Burnie, Md.

CALL TO ORDER: President lone Williams called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

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

GREETINGS: lone welcomed the members to the general membership meeting. She led the membership in a moment of silence for the victims of the Japanese earthquake, tsunami and nuclear reactor explosions.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes from the November 11, 2010 meeting were shared with 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 the most recent report and asked if there were any questions. Having none, the report was filed for audit.

SPECIAL GUEST: lone introduced Bonnie Brose, President of MRSPA. Bonnie brought greetings from MRSPA and extended her appreciation for the invitation to attend our meeting. She shared her excitement for us for our new web site and said the computer is the "telephone of the century". She reminded us of the upcoming MRSPA Annual Meeting on May 10, 2011 and the MRSPA Convention to be held in Western Maryland at the WISP Resort on September 13-15, 2011. She said the purpose of the convention is to make us all "better seniors in the world today".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Carol Kirby reported membership is currently at 1,924. Two emeritus members are present at today's meeting - Millie Gardner & Francis Middleton. Dues membership invoices were mailed in early March and a new directory will be available in the fall. The directory is not automatically mailed due to cost. Members may request a copy.

Remembrance: Diane Rogers noted member/family deaths and illnesses. She recognized first time attendees and directed all members with birthdays in January/February/March to pick up their gifts. Diane also shared the importance of making a donation to the Elders in Care organization because they need the funds and are a tremendous support group for the elderly.

USM News: Susie Jablinske distributed the new newsletter and minutes from the last executive board meeting and shared information about the rally held the previous week. There was good attendance at the rally and although the delegates were in session their staff were receptive to input received from the seniors.

January Luncheon/Meeting in Florida: Bob Herrell spoke and was the host for the 2011 meeting. He reported there have been 20 luncheons over the years and 349 different people have attended - 61% women and 29% men. Next year's meeting/luncheon will be in Naples, Florida and he extended an invitation for everyone to attend.

Free School, Travel & Scholarships: Howard Hall reported the Free School is back on line for the spring/summer tours and he is looking for two school "marms" to join the group. "Scholarship for Scholars" is having their awards reception at the Chesapeake Arts Center on April 6th at 7:00 PM and everyone is encouraged to attend. AARSPA will award three scholarships. The Theater tickets are sold out and there are 6 tickets remaining for "Liberty". The Kennedy Center is putting out its schedule for next year's season - December/January and the shows look great.

AARSPA WEB SITE - SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Bob Kanach introduced Dr. Bill Brose. Bill is the chair of the MRSPA Public Relations Committee and created the AARSPA web site with the input of the AARSPA Web Site Committee. Bill gave a very thorough computerized chronological explanation of the development of our web site - www.aarspa.org. The web site is up and running and will be maintained by two AARSPA members after receiving training from Bill in April, 2011.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION: Trish Raff, MRSPA Legislative Aide gave an update on current legislative initiatives in Annapolis. Trish encouraged everyone to visit the MRSPA website for a detailed listing of current bills and information regarding MRSPA's position on the bills.

LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT: At the conclusion of the business meeting, lunch was served. Following lunch, musical entertainment was provided by North Count High School Mixed Chorus under the leadership of Mike O'Donnell, Choral Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MRSPA is seeking a candidate to be on the Nominating Committee. Contact Ione if you are interested in serving on the committee. Volunteers are also needed to participate in the memorial service at the next general membership on May 19, 2011 at Renditions. Important dates were noted on the meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Ione thanked everyone for attending the meeting and luncheon and reminded everyone to pick up some St. Patrick's Day candy on the way out. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:


John Hammond, Secretary