

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023
MRSPA Office, Odenton, MD, 10:00 AM

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Robert Kanach, Mille Gardner, Karlie Everett, Max Muller, Gail Matthews, Phyllis Cherry, Deb Ahalt, Dixie Stack, Tony Anazalone, Sharyn Doyle, Leslie Schell, Carla Duls, Charlie Gable, Kay Stawas, and Zetta Hart

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Co-Presidents Tony Anzalone and Sharyn Doyle, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

Recording Secretary

The minutes from our June 8, 2023, meeting was referenced with no corrections. The group voted unanimously to accept the minutes as published. They will be sent for publication on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Max Muller reported that he had estimated our membership well when he developed the proposed budget. The Free School budget is strong, four scholarships were paid out with no additional funds needed. Dixie Stack made a motion to accept the budget and Deb Ahalt seconded the motion. The executive board voted in favor of the budget report.

Corresponding Secretary

Nothing new to report

Committee Reports

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported that rehearsals will begin again in September. They had good attendance at their end of the season luncheon. Hall of Fame celebration is scheduled for October 19, 2023. The honoree is Joyce Nellenback from the chorus group. Others attending will be some chorus members and Sharyn Doyle, Tony Anzalone, and Phyllis Cherry.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Phyllis Cherry reported that the schools we have given schools supplies to in the past will not need our assistance this year. It was decided that the supplies collected would go to Park Elementary. Ms. Cherry emphasized the need for earbuds for the children. This is an item that cannot be shared between students. It was stated that Amazon has 60 earbuds for \$33. The group was reminded that we will continue to collect toiletries for the homeless, and in February, supplies for Animal Care and Control. Ms. Cherry also referred us to the MRSPA website for a wealth of information posted on Consumer Education page.

Educator/Employee of the Month Committee

Tony Anzalone stated there are no new changes to this committee.

Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee

Karlie Everette shared information about the coming celebration. The plaque is ready for installation. There will be a thorough cleaning in the fall prior to the event. Advertising seems to be working as \$83 was donated. Smoke detectors were inspected and emergency evacuation notices were posted. Swag bags will be provided for special guests and books will be shared. The Board of Education is lending audio equipment and tents were donated. Bob Mosier is checking to see if an event permit is required.

Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee

Carla Duls will start writing our history for the year. She is updating the newsletter for officer changes. She would like photos from the MRSPA annual meeting for next newsletter. The deadline for the next Informer is September 18, 2023.

Legislative Committee

No Report

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell reported that local renewal reminders were sent out in May. We now have 68 Emeritus members. Ms. Schell stated we need to be creative with recruitment of new retirees. She shared a PowerPoint presentation that she hopes can be used at meetings with these new retirees.

Nominating Committee

No report

Pre-retirement Committee

No Report.

Program Committee

Dixie Stack shared her current line-up of entertainment for our general business meetings. These events include music, teacher of the year, and the new scholarship winners.

Publicity Committee

Debbie Ahalt is having concerns about getting the word out for some of our fundraiser events. She is posting them on FaceBook and appreciates the resharing that members are doing.

Raffle Committee

No Report

Sunshine/Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner reported that Linda Poole will be assisting her with committee responsibilities. She is hopeful that information on members illness, happy events, and losses will be correct.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley thanked us for supporting the scholarship committee. She reminded us of the three scheduled fundraisers at Brian Boru, Kilarney House and Garry's Grill Restaurants.

Trips and Travel Committee

Gail Mathews shared that the trip to the C&D Canal was enjoyed by the group. Two additional trips are scheduled, October 4, 2023, "Jukebox Jive", and December 8, 2023, "The First Noel" with a viewing of the Hershey Park holiday lights. The committee is planning a Blue Angels trip in 2024.

MRSPA Update

Charlie Gable reminded us of the MRSPA annual meeting at Turf Valley May 7th. He also gave additional MRSPA dates which included a Zoom meeting.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

Robert Kanach reported that our February General Business meeting will be at Olive Grove in Linthicum.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Rick Wiles and seconded by Robert Kanach. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM

Dates to Remember

Thurs., Sept. 14, 2023	General Membership Luncheon, Kurtz Beach, 10:30 AM
Wed., October 4, 2023	Magic and Wonder Theater, “Jukebox Jive,” Paradise, PA, 10 AM-7 PM
Thurs., Oct. 12, 2023	Executive Board, AACPS Bldg. Room 2A 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
November 9, 2023	General Membership and Luncheon Meeting, Renditions, 10:30 AM
Fri., Dec. 8, 2023	American Music Theatre, “The First Noel,” 10:00 AM- 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary