

AARSPA
Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Minutes
Blue Dolphin Seafood Bar and Grill
February 21, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Bonnie Schmeltz, Co-President.

America Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge to the flag was led by Barry Fader, Past President, followed by the singing of God Bless America.

Greetings and Special Introductions: Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz welcomed everyone to this rescheduled meeting due to inclement weather on the original date. She also recognized **First Timers:** Karen Bailey, Christine Baran, Sheila Cooper, Mesha Calahand, and Linda Williams. **Emeritus Members** were also recognized: Ethel Bohle and Mary Etta Dorr.

Welcome to our Guest: Officer Megan Ott from the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

Overview of Activities: A short overview of the day's activities was presented as listed on the agenda distributed to all members.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the November 15, 2018 General Membership Meeting were attached to the agenda and questions were welcomed. No questions were asked. A motion to accept the minutes was made followed by a motion to second. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Max Muller presented the budget update. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were available on each table. Mr. Muller noted that we are 41 members short of the anticipated number. Any new members will not be added to the total for this fiscal year. There will be enough funds to provide for 4 scholarships this year. The Gunson Fund balance after roof replacement is \$67,397.20.

Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz now welcomed Committee Reports.

Committee Reports:

Community Service/Consumer Education: Phyllis Cherry, Community Service Chairperson, reported on the survey from last month and it was decided to continue clothing for children and supplies for pets. The Committee will purchase pants to go with the underwear being collected for children. She stated that they are going to support more than one school. Germantown did not want support, Park is providing the clothing for any child, and Hilltop has a clothing drop. Ms. Cherry also stated that we may bring in items that we want not on the listed request.

Free School Museum: Karlie Everett and Bob Kanach reported on the Free School. Tours are being provided by members. Fifth graders from the Summit School will be guests at the Free School on March 1st. A thorough

cleaning of the school is planned for April 6th, at 9:00 am. Contact Mr. Kanach or Marie Diamond if you are interested in assisting with this cleaning.

Trips and Travel Committee: Bob Kanach reported that today would be the last day to sign up for the Florida trip. We will be visiting historic Cape May N.J. on May 15th.

Constitution/By-Laws Committee: A hand out explaining revisions to the by-laws was placed on tables for the members. An explanation was given by Bob Kanach for Ken Nichols and a motion was made to accept the changes and it was seconded.

“Voices in Melody”: Rick Wiles, AARSPA Chorus Chairperson reported that there are now 35 members of the chorus. They meet on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 pm at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park. More members are always welcome. If interested, some of their concerts can be seen on YouTube. Concerts are scheduled for spring 2019.

Legislative Committee: Charles Gable reported that there are current 6 AARSPA members who are on committees with MRSPA. Some of our members are attending the AARSPA Legislative Luncheon today. Some topics that will be lobbied for: prescription drug prices, teachers and parent members to support charter schools, release of drug costs by pharmacists, opioid addiction prevention, extended care credit of \$250/year which was previously \$500 for onetime payment, letting school system determine their own starting date, and 70% funded retirement. United Seniors of Maryland will meet on March 20th.

Scholarship Committee: AARSPA will provide four scholarships this year.

Remembrance Committee: Millie Zipay, Chairperson, thanked everyone for keeping her committee members notified of members’ birthdays, 5 year interval anniversaries or their family member’s death so appropriate cards could be sent. Members celebrating birthdays in February, March and, April were reminded to put a ticket in the basket for some special prizes to be awarded later.

New Business Items: Co-President Stack welcomed any new business items. There were no items.

Break and Conversation: Members were then excused to take a break and network amongst each other for the next 15 minutes after which time our guest speaker Officer Megan Ott will be presenting.

Guest Speaker: Officer Megan Ott shared her knowledge of scams that many individuals, including senior citizens, are caught up in. A hand out was provided for members at their tables. Officer Ott discussed a variety of scams that are happening in our state and she provided guidance on avoiding these traps. She allowed time for questions.

Co-President Bonnie Schmeltz thanked the presenter for her time and concern for our group.

LUNCH was served and entertainment was provided by the “Crabtowne Big Band Combo.”

Scholarship Collection Report: Tillie Barckley, reported a total of cash and checks for scholarship donations that were collected today. Members were again thanked for their generosity.

Birthday Drawing Winners: Millie Zipay Remembrance and Sunshine Committee Chairperson awarded the Happy Birthday prizes to several lucky members celebrating birthdays in the months of February – April.

Adjournment: At 1:30 p.m., a motion was made and seconded, followed by a unanimous vote to adjourn.

Dates to Remember: Upcoming meetings and events were printed on the second page of the agenda.