

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

General Membership Meeting

March 22, 2012

Michael's 8th Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was led by Lone Williams.

MINUTES: John Hammond provided copies of the minutes from the November 10, 2011 meeting. The minutes were approved for filing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Don Smith shared the January and February, 2012 reports. The reports were accepted and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

A presentation was made by Dr. John Martin, M.D. titled: "Dare to Care". Dr. Martin stressed the importance of good cardiovascular health and his goal to provide free vascular screening to seniors as a way to detect problems at an early stage with the hope of correcting problems and giving seniors better quality health. Dr. Martin, with the assistance of Elaine Gairy distributed "free" Vascular Screening cards. They also stressed the point that the test is an ultrasound, is non-invasive and a copy of the report is sent to your physician.

A second presentation was made by Mr. Paul J. Ballard, Asst. Attorney General, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the MOLST Program. MOLST stands for "Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment". In addition to three handouts, Mr. Ballard explained the MOLST program which is an advance directive developed by the Attorney General's office and answered questions from the members present.

Bob thanked both of our presenters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislation & United Seniors of Maryland: Virginia Crespo reported this is a difficult legislative year due to the existing state deficit and the continued impact of the recession. Indications appear to be headed in a shift of the pension costs to the locals and because the move is part of the governor's 157 page budget it is difficult to piece out parts of the budget. We can hope for enhanced funding to the locals if the shift occurs as expected. Our concern is the impact on our health care funding. Bob thanked Virginia for her hard work to protect our best interests. He also referenced the positive turnout for the United Seniors Forum and Legislative Luncheon. Bob also noted that a meeting with held with Dr. Kevin Maxwell to discuss our concerns with future health care funding and Dr. Maxwell indicated if the pension funding shift takes place and no additional funding is provided, it could impact our health insurance funding.

Consumer Education: Charles Gable shared information with the group on the MRSPA handout titled: F.Y.I. -The summary record of Financial Information, Legal Documents and Investment/Insurance. Handouts were available for all members.

Newsletter: Bob reported that Carla Duls is helping Betty Ann White and Pat Ericson to put together the next newsletter. The deadline for articles is April 16, 2012

Scholarships: Karlie Everett thanked everyone for their continued generosity to allow us to continue to award three scholarships. She reported that we have made our recommendations to Scholarships for Scholars for our choice of recipients and are waiting to hear who was chosen for each scholarship. Karlie also reminded everyone of the procedures for making a tax deduction donation to the scholarship fund via the 21st Century Foundation.

Raffle: The raffle was completed and winner, Ed Stofko, announced.

Free School : Howard Hall thanked everyone for their hard work at the school and reported the Free School has the best collection of old school books than any other place in the nation. Everyone was encouraged to visit the school this summer and see the collection. There won't be any tours on the Renaissance Festival weekends.

Travel: Howard reported that we cancelled the Memphis trip due to the high cost of bus transportation. We are looking at the Baltimore Symphony Christmas Show and possibly a dinner theatre show in July/August called "Legally Blonde". The "Book of Mormons" will be at the Kennedy Center but the schedule has not been released as yet.

Nominations: Ione Williams and Bob Kanach reported we still need someone to assume the position of President-Elect. , Treasurer and Reporting Secretary. Bob strongly encouraged members to step forward and volunteer for one of the positions.

MRSPA Elections: Bob announced that Estelle Johnson and Sandra Edmonds are running for MRSPA offices. Estelle is running for Vice President and Sandra is running as a member of the Nominating Committee. Both candidates stepped forward and introduced themselves to the members present.

Birthday Gifts/ First Timer Picture: Members with birthdays in January, February & March were reminded to pick up their gifts from the gift table. Also, first time attendees were reminded to gather for a photograph.

Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame: Nominations are due soon. Get back to Bob if you want to nominate a member.

Reminders:

AARSPA has a new web site. Log on to www.aarspa.org

Next Executive Board Meeting - April 12, 2012 - 9:00 A.M. - Board Cafeteria

MRSPA Annual Business Meeting - May 8, 2012 - Michael's 8th Avenue

Last General Membership Mtg./Luncheon - May 17, 2012 - Renditions Golf Course Country Club

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 PM: Bob thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Hammond, Secretary