

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

General Membership Meeting September 26, 2011 Snyder's Willow Grove Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

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

GREETINGS: Bob welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the opportunity to present Lone Williams, Past President with a silver mug for her outstanding service as President for 2010/2011.

GUEST SPEAKER: Florie Bozzella, Director of Human Resources for AACPS gave greetings from Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Bozzella addressed the escalating cost of healthcare and initiatives by the state legislature to shift pension costs from the state to the locals. She reiterated the commitment by AACPS to provide quality healthcare to all current and retired employees. She stated that funding is a critical concern and that AACPS started the 2011/2012 school year with 3000 more students than 3 years ago and no new teachers. She stated there will be some healthcare policy changes this year and that new employees will have some changes to their pension cost and vesting/eligibility for retirement. Some of the policy changes will provide some cost savings to the system over the next four years. Bob reinforced the need for all retirees to contact their legislators and stress our resistance to any shifting of pension costs to the locals.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting were shared with the members present. The minutes were approved for filing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob shared the most recent report and asked if there were any questions. Having none, the report was filed for audit.

LUNCHEON INFORMATION: Bob indicated a need for all members to update their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. He also wanted everyone to know that any changes to luncheon plans will be posted on our web site for everyone's viewing. He reminded everyone of the upcoming luncheon at Cat-North on November 10th and encouraged everyone to sign up ASAP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: Alicia Hardisky presented the 2011/2012 budget. It was noted that at the current time we plan to fund 2 scholarships instead of 3. Ken Nichols stated as a cost saving measure we should eliminate printing our newsletters and instead make them available on-line. The budget was approved as presented.

Free School & Travel: Howard Hall reported the Free School had a slow summer. He thanked the volunteers for their many hours of time spent at the school on Sunday afternoons. Currently Max Muller is cataloging books and many have 1800 + copyright dates. Howard also informed everyone he has 50 tickets available for a December 17th matinee at the Kennedy Center of "Billy Elliott".

USM News: Susie Jablinske distributed the most recent USM issue. She also informed everyone the Legislative Forum will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

Florida Luncheon: Betty Ann White shared that this year's luncheon will be held in Naples, Florida on January 26 and 27. There will be a reception at Joanne Hogan's home on January 26th and a buffet luncheon at the Flamingo Club on January 27, 2012. More details will be included in the next newsletter coming out shortly.

Scholarships: Karlie Everett reminded everyone of scholarship donation procedures. She also shared some good news that a donation of \$736.08 was received from the KI Wives of Commodore Mayo. Today's receipts included \$53 from the raffle and \$198.05 from envelope collections.

By-Laws Revision Proposal: Ed Stofko presented proposals for By-Law Amendments. The actual amended By-laws will be recorded with today's minutes. After significant discussion on the proposed amendments, all were passed by a majority of those present.

Birthday Gifts: Members with birthdays in July, August & September-2011 were reminded to pick up their gifts from the gift table. First time members to this luncheon gathered together to have their picture taken for the newsletter.

LUNCHEON - Entertainment Provided by Bill Sharkey

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

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM: Bob thanked everyone for coming to the meeting .

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

John Hammond, Secretary