

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 04, 2023  
Board of Education, Center 2A, 10:00 AM

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Charles Gable, Kay Stawas, Bob Kanach, Mille Gardner, Karlie Everett, Leslie Schell, Susan Baugher, Max Muller, Gail Matthews, Phyllis Cherry, Deb Ahalt, Dixie Stack, Virginia Crespo, Marge Smith, Tony Anazalone, Sandra Edmonds, Zetta Hart, and Sharyn Doyle.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Co-President Charlie Gable, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

**Recording Secretary**

The minutes from our January 10, 2023, meeting was referenced with no corrections. Millie Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob Kanach seconded it. 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 overall we are doing very well. In the area of membership we enrolled 21 new members. The expenditures for January, February and March were reviewed. Mr. Muller stated that The Free School and Scholarships are sacred. Expenditures will never impact these budget items. There is money to carry over to the Scholarship fund.

Mr. Muller reviewed the proposed budget. It was shared that a new budget item has been included. AARSPA is planning to give mini-grants if the budget is approved. Plans are being made for recruitment events including happy hours. Dixie Stack made a motion to accept the proposed budget and Tony Anzalone seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously accepted by the executive board.

**Corresponding Secretary**

No report

**Committee Reports**

**AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported the dates for the four spring concerts.

- May 4, 2023, 12:30 PM
- May 11, 2023, 10:30 AM
- May 18, 2023, 12:30 PM
- May 25, 2023, 12:30 PM

The current members continue to practice. Judy Engelmeyer is the current Director.

**By-Laws Committee**

Dixie Stack shared that the approved new Bylaws are being printed. They will be ready for our next General Meeting.

**Community Service**

Phyllis Cherry explained the new emphasis for the Community Service Committee. This committee will be supporting 4 Senior Living Centers. Committee members have met with each center to identify the needs of their residents. They have many needs. One suggestion was bingo prizes, such as snacks and word game books. Tony Anzalone is still receiving requests for toiletries.

Zetta Hart reported that the two donated new Little Free Libraries have been assigned and delivered by Rick Wiles. Maryland City and Severndale Community were happy to receive them.

### **Consumer Education Committee**

Phyllis Cherry is gathering information for the annual business meeting.

### **Educator/Employee of the Month Committee**

Tony Anzalone stated that this committee is doing well. The new Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell put the information on his agenda for a principals' meeting. Many emails started to arrive after his announcement. Dr. Tobin also had positive comments about AARSPA.

### **Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee**

Karlie Everette and Bob Kanach shared information about the Maryland Day experience. There were many volunteers for the event. It was moderately attended due to the fact we were only one of the many referenced sites for Maryland Day. Don Bailey is helping with the planning committee the Free School's 300<sup>th</sup> celebration through Zoom meetings. Many activities are being planned for the 300<sup>th</sup>, new plaque, colonial cookies, color guard, music, guest speakers, and activities for children. The second Saturday and Sunday of June, July, August, and September, will be Open House for the Free School. Visitors are welcome to tour the facility. The tours have been updated and new badges created. Two tours are currently scheduled.

### **Break for Superintendent Dr. Mark Bedell's Visit**

Shared his focus for the coming years of his leadership

- Creative look at school hours and options available for 180 days
- Teacher Salaries
- School Safety
- Creating a sense of belonging not inclusion
- Be Present Initiative

### **Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee**

May Newsletter Deadline: April 7, 2023

August Newsletter deadline: July 24, 2023

All Committee Chairperson's were asked to submit their yearly reports to Carla Duls by the end of July, 2023

### **Legislative Committee**

Virginia Crespo reported that many bills focused on curriculum were on the table for the legislature. Fifteen of those Bills are being supported by MRSPA and seventeen are not. There is also a bill for retiree's State taxes to be removed, which is supported as well. Money is being provided for the continuation of The Blue Print. MRSPA is supporting The Blue Print funding as some funds will go to increase teacher salaries and providing \$10,000 for National Board Certification.

### **Membership Committee**

Leslie Schell had several announcements for the Executive Board. It was decided that a new directory should be created. It will be worked on this summer. The new membership and their contact information will be included in the new directory. Linda Poole has been helpful

### **Nominating Committee**

No report

### **Pre-retirement Committee**

Susan Baugher stated that she would like to help Leslie Schell with the membership and directory. She reported there will not be a spring retirement event.

### **Program Committee**

Dixie Stack requested help with the identification of BOE members to invite to each luncheon. It was suggested that she do so by districts.

### **Publicity Committee**

Debbie Ahalt thanked to board members for sharing her posts on FaceBook.

### **Raffle Committee**

Sandra Edmonds requested help with the raffle tickets at our luncheon.

### **Sunshine/Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner reported that Linda Poole was responsible for sympathy cards and reported passing of members. Diane Rogers will continue to send get well wishes. Millie will be responsible for anniversaries and Emeritus members. Millie Gardner strives to give accurate information to The Informer.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Tillie Barckley reported that four students were selected for our scholarships from a pool of 12 applicants. She reported that there were some new questions for the applicant application. Tony Anzalone, Sharyn Doyle, and Tillie Barckley worked through the applications to find the candidates for the 4 AARSPA scholarships. It was decided that the child and 2 parents would be allowed to attend the May luncheon. Scholarships will be awarded on May 3, 2023 at the Chesapeake Arts Center.

Scholarship winners are:

- Natalie Forman, Chesapeake High School
- Bridget Evans, South River High School
- Brittany Brown, Crofton High School
- Lorissa Honavar, Broadneck High School

### **Trips and Travel Committee**

Kay Stawas reported that two trips are in The Informer, C&D Canal and the Juke Box trip in Pennsylvania. Another trip for the Christmas season is being planned.

### **MRSPA Update:**

The July Executive Board Meeting is changed to the MRSPA Office in Odenton.

### **Old Business**

AARSPA Report for MRSPA Annual Business Meeting will highlight our accomplishments for 2022-2023 Eastern Shore Gathering in Cambridge, Maryland, is scheduled for April 20, 2023 Florida Gather in Venice, Florida, included 32 persons who attended the luncheon.

### **New Business**

The MRSPA business meeting will be held om May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Valley Mansion in Cockeysville

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM

### **Dates to Remember**

April 20, 2023	Eastern Shore Gathering, Cambridge, Maryland
May 9, 2023	MRSPA Annual Business Meeting, Valley Mansion, Cockeysville
May 11, 2023	AARSPA Annual Business Meeting/Luncheon, Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena, MD, Meeting begins at 10:30 AM
June 8, 2023	AARSPA Executive Board Meeting – 10 AM, Free School

May 9, 2023	MRSPA Annual Business Meeting at Valley Mansion Cocksylvie
May 11, 2023	AARSPA General Memberships Meeting/Luncheon at Twin Rivers Restaurant
June 8, 2023	AARSPA Executive Board Meeting, Free School, 10:00 AM
July 13, 2023	C & D Canal Trip, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
July 20, 2023	MRSPA Executive Board Meeting, MRSPA Office Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Zetta Hart  
Recording Secretary