

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Conference Room #1- Carol S. Parham Building
2644 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland
January 5, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Betty Ann White, Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Howard Hall, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Susie Jablinske, Karlie Everett, Charlie Toth, Virginia Crespo, Sandra Edmonds, Ken Nichols, Lonnie Kelly, Charlie Gable, Dianne Rogers & Joel Drapalski.

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Kanach thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Bob also led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the October 13, 2011 meeting. Minutes approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob reported our accounts are in order and we have funds to meet our expenses. Bob and Don Smith are working on making a deposit correction for the November statement and Bob is planning to contact the bank to negotiate a reduction in the service charge fees. The Gunson account is showing a more favorable interest return since a contact was made to Marvin Charles in accounting. The October statement was approved and filed.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Charlie Toth reported he sent thank you letters to the CATN staff for the outstanding luncheon in November.

REPORTS:

Archives / History: Carla Duls reported she has completed the archives/history and is currently working on the next five years. Copies of the completed archives/history document were made available to all executive board members.

Constitution - By-Laws: No report. It was noted that Ed Stofko recently experienced the loss of his long time companion.

Chorus: No report. However, it was noted that new sheet music was recently purchased for the chorus and that many choral presentations were performed for the holidays.

Community Service: Bob reinforced the importance of documenting our community involvement activities.

Consumer Education: Charlie Gable reported there is no new information to report.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reported his committee is working well together and the recognition program is working fine.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky indicated she had nothing new to report but is working on finding a new auditor to replace Bob Cox.

Free School: Howard reported the four private schools have visited the school. No public schools have visited the school in seven years. A retiree group will be visiting in September. Max Muller has moved and there is a need for someone to open/close the school on weekends and when the community requests to use the building. Bob will fill this role until someone is found to fill this task.

Hospitality: No report.

Legislation: Virginia Crespo reported there are very few legislative pre-file bills in as yet and the governor will push to increase the gasoline tax but the funds will go to the transportation department. We can only hope there will be an increase in state income to take the pressure off of shifting retiree benefit costs to the locals.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported we have a small increase in membership over last year.

Remembrance: Dianne Rogers requested approval to send birthday cards to members who are 80 years and older. The request was approved.

Newsletter/ Informer: Betty Ann reported the newsletter will be mailed out today or tomorrow. The next deadline is February 1, 2012.

Nominating: Ione Williams was not present but Bob reminded everyone of the need for nominees for future executive board leadership positions.

Photography: No report.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported the feedback from the November evaluations was very positive. The next pre-retirement session will take place on April 21, 2012 at Severna Park H. S.. We will revert back to the format used in the Spring of 2011.

Programs: An offer was made by a retired minister to present at the next luncheon. The title will be "Take Two Laps And Call Me in the Morning" Bob will try to get more information about the presentation before deciding. An offer to have a presentation on purchasing burial plots was turned down by the membership.

Public Relations: Bob reminded everyone that we can post important items on our web site by contacting our web masters. He asked that he also be copied on the request to the web masters.

Raffle: No information to report other than to remind everyone that the \$300 donation from one of CATN's business partners helped to offset not having a raffle at the CATN luncheon.

Scholarship: Karlie Everett provided financial information regarding scholarship funds and feedback received from past recipients of our scholarships. Based on current finances it was decided to offer three scholarships this year instead on two as previously decided earlier in the year. It was noted that our web site and upcoming newsletter does a good job in soliciting funds for our scholarship fund.

Travel: Howard Hall reported the Billy Elliot show was a big success. He is looking into future shows at the Kennedy Center and Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and will be able to provide some detailed information at our next meeting.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske distributed the most recent USM bulletin and reminded everyone of the January 24, 2012 Legislative Forum. She indicated eight people have signed up to go and we have two more slots available. She also distributed a flyer called "MOLST" which is a state initiative that encourages citizens to complete medical advanced directives. It was decided that this might be a good presentation topic for a future meeting. In addition, information was discussed regarding a free vascular screening available at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On-Line Newsletter - Ken Nichols reported that based on his research he felt it would be in our best interest to pursue information via an RFP (Request For Proposal) from two on-line companies - "Constant Contact" & "Member Clicks." Both companies provide services which would allow us to post our newsletter directly via e-mail to our members in a timely manner and in a very economical way rather than printing and mailing hard copies. It was decided that in order to proceed we would need to acquire at least 50% of our member e-mail addresses and also have someone to maintain the system and be the point of contact with the company chosen to provide the service. The target date would be the Fall of 2012.

Purchase "Quick Books" - Based on a recommendation by an accountant, Bob requested approval to purchase an accounting software program known as "Quick Books" for use in maintaining our financial records and to better prepare the records for audit. His request was approved.

Next Executive Board Meeting: February 9, 2012 - Conference Room #3 @ 10 am.

Important Dates:

January 11, 2012 - Maryland General Assembly Begins

January 24, 2012 - United Seniors Day in Annapolis.

January 26-27, 2012 - 21st Florida Luncheon, Naples, Florida

March 22, 2012 - Gen. Membership Luncheon Meeting - Michael's 8th Ave. -10:00 am.

April 12, 2012 - Executive Board Meeting - Conference Room #1 @ 10:00 am.

May 8, 2012 - MRSPA Annual Business Meeting @ Michael's 8th Ave. - begin at 8:00 am.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Secretary