

## ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

October 6, 2016

Center 2 A, BOE Building

**Attendance:** Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, John Hammond, Rosemary Biggart, Karlie Everett, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, John Salwach, Anthony Anzalone, Tillie Barckley, Carla Duls, Brenda Gibson, Charlie Gable, Sandra Edmonds, Carol Kirby, Virginia Crespo, and Sharyn Doyle

**Call to Order:** President Fader called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Pledge to the Flag:** President Fader led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of the July 14, 2106 Meeting:** Minutes from the July 14, 2016 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. Sharyn Doyle, Secretary, thanked everyone who responded to her email asking for their feedback on the draft of the minutes for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bob Kanach made a motion to accept the minutes and Virginia Crespo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rosemary Biggart distributed the Treasurer's Report. She opened with the statement that we are close to where we were last October. She further explained where our dues are being spent with a more detailed explanation about the Gunson Fund. President Fader also discussed the \$500 for the Senior Hall of Fame Installation event where Larry Day, Pat Caldwell and Tillie Barckley will be honored. In the past AARSPA has paid for one guest of each Honoree and Board members who will be attending at a cost of \$23/person this year. Board members Tony Anzalone, Barry Fader, John Salwach, Carla Duls volunteered to attend. President Fader will contact Stu Tucker to ensure AARSPA has 2 tables, since each table seats only 11 people. Sharyn Doyle motioned to accept the report and the \$500 spending for the Senior Hall of Fame. Sandra Edmonds seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"** – Rick Wiles announced that there are 5 new members and 2 of the 5 have joined AARSPA. November 28<sup>th</sup> is their first concert. Schedule of the concerts was included. Updates on several members who are ill was also provided. He will continue to try and obtain more members for his chorus and for AARSPA.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Thank you notes were sent to our guest speakers from our General Membership meeting. Karlie Everett also offered Free School stationary for notes, general correspondence, etc.

**Recording Secretary** – No report at this time

**Community Service/Education Committee** – Carla Dals and Debbie Ahalt reviewed the Alzheimer's Walk for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and monies collected last year and monies collected to date. Board members were encouraged to join via online or telling Carla or Debbie.

Karlie Everett reported that the school supplies collected at the General Membership meeting were delivered to Marley Elementary School valued at about \$350., about \$100 less

than last year's collection. She also warned that as we expand our efforts, we may be saturating our membership with donation requests.

Debbie Ahalt reported that about \$100 worth of food for the Animal Control Center was also collected at the General Membership meeting. She also reported information about the Animal Control Center including its relation to the County Police Department and its No Kill policy.

Karlie Everett announced the upcoming canned food drive for the next General Membership meeting at CAT-North next month.

The Community Service Committee members discussed the submission for Awards for this year. The members decided not to apply for the MRSPA Award because we received it last year. The members are looking into national level awards through MRSPA. They are also looking into the Governor's Volunteer Award and other state and county volunteer/community service awards.

**Educator/Employee of the Month** – Anthony Anzalone reported on the shortage of nominees for the Committee to review. He asked for Board Members to help encourage school personnel to participate. It is a Board policy and practice to have this award and the Superintendent would like this practice to continue.

**Free School** - Karlie Everett reported that the display cases were now at the school, much earlier than expected. The goal is to have artifacts, display cards, etc. ready by the end of this calendar year. The intern who was so successful in helping with identifying the artifacts has accepted a new position. However, she can still help with the completion of the project. It just slows things down because there are fewer openings in her schedule. Upon completion, an unveiling ceremony was suggested by President Fader or perhaps an announcement at a future General Membership meeting for members to come to the school after the luncheon meeting.

Bob Kanach also reported that the building will be needing a new roof and painting repairs.

**Going Green** – Bob Kanach reported that there was a mix up with Constant Contact and some members reported not receiving the email with the new October Informer. Therefore, he sent out a second email and asked Board Members to call him if they did not receive it. Karlie Everett shared the “Unsubscribe” problem with Constant Contact that may be affecting our email distribution. If you “Unsubscribe” from one organization that uses Constant Contact, you are unsubscribed from all organizations that use Constant Contact...meaning AARSPA.

President Fader reported how MRSPA will be developing a new website which may help us also.

**Historian & Editor of the “Informer”** –Carla Duls reminded Board Members that today was the deadline for the Informer. She reviewed the draft of the next issue, the January issue, and reminded Board Members of the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**Legislation** – Virginia Crespo reported on MRSPA's new staff and the new brochure with the 2017 Legislative Priorities. She summarized each of the priorities and invited everyone to attend the November 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative Workshop. She reported on the agenda for the workshop and MRSPA's phone number (410-551-1517) if a Board Member wishes to attend. An update was also reported on USM (United Seniors of MD) activities.

**Membership Chairperson** – Carol Kirby reported on our membership and asked Board Members to review the list of non-renewed members for a personal contact about joining AARSPA again. She also posed the question about mandatory joining MRSPA when you join AARSPA, like many other associations require. Discussion was held about this matter and concerns raised that if we did so, we may lose AARSPA members. No further action was taken on this matter.

**Pre-Retirement Committee** – John Salwach reported the next presentation is October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Severna Park High School.

**Program Committee** – Charlie Gable reported that Monique Jackson, Deputy Superintendent will attend our November General Membership luncheon and he has contacted Chesapeake High School Vocal Ensemble Teacher for possible entertainment. Discussion was also held about past entertainment.

**Publicity Committee** – Deborah Ahalt reported the amenability of the Capital for publishing photos of our events. She also welcomes more articles for The Informer.

**Raffle Committee:** No report at this time.

**Remembrance & Sunshine Committee**– Millie Gardner reported that there is no more need for more cards. After her plea for more, she now has an abundant supply, thanking everyone for their contribution. She also shared the list of birthdays and anniversaries for the months of October, November and December that will be listed in the next issue of the Informer.

**Scholarship** – Tillie Barckley reported that she attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Networking Event. She also reported for the period of July 9<sup>th</sup> thru September 8<sup>th</sup>, we have \$890 collected towards scholarships.

**Treasurer's Report:** Refer to pages 1-3 of these notes.

**Trip & Travel Committee News** – Lucy Travers was unable to attend. Bob Kanach reported the future trips and to places like the 9-11 Museum and Monticello. A survey will be distributed to members in order to obtain their ideas about future trips.

**United Seniors of Maryland** – Already discussed by Virginia Crespo earlier in the meeting.

### **New and Old Business**

**Old Business** –None

**New Business** – President Fader reported that the Membership Committee Chairperson for MRSPA has requested testimonies of how members are using benefits. He also warned us about his email account being hacked and messages sent out about money requests. He also suggested perhaps we should have a future speaker on security. MRSAP President Elect and Secretary nominees are needed. Suggestions have been made that a current position holder mentor a member for the future acceptance of a Board position. President Fader reminded Board Members that AARSPA also needs a President Elect and perhaps the mentoring idea would be useful for this association.

**Adjournment** –Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn Doyle  
Recording Secretary