

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022
Board of Education, Center 2A, 10:00 AM

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Linda Poole, Charles Gable, Bob Kanach, Anthony Anzalone, Karlie Everett, Leslie Schell, Susan Baugher, Max Muller, Marge Smith, Phyllis Cherry, Deb Ahalt, and Sharyn Doyle. *First names will be used in these notes.*

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Charlie, followed by the flag pledge led by Rick.

Treasurer's Report

Max reviewed the current status of our budget including the expenditures, the Gunson Fund, scholarship funds, and the Free School. Overall, we are doing very well. We can also afford 4 \$5000 scholarships.

Discussion ensued about tax forms and how we have not had an audit in several years. By law, if we do not submit taxes in a 3 year period, we could lose our tax exempt status as a 501C4 organization. Board members agreed to Max volunteering to complete the tax forms for the past 3 years. If too complex, other options can be discussed if needed.

A motion was made by Leslie to accept the budget report. A second was made by Phyllis. The group voted to accept the treasurer's report.

Recording Secretary

The minutes from our July 14 2022, meeting were reviewed and 2 corrections made. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Tony seconded it. The group voted to accept the minutes as corrected. They will be sent for publication on our website.

Corresponding Secretary

No report

Committee Reports

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick reported the chorus now has 35 members and their concert dates are on the calendar distributed at the meeting. The group is still search for a director. Group will perform a few selections from their Winer Concert at our November meeting/Luncheon at Renditions. Judy Englemeyer is to be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on October 20, 2022. Rick rearranged seating for the 2 tables we have reserved in her honor.

By-Laws Committee

Dixie was absent and the proposed changes will be shared at the January Executive Board meeting. Most include modifications to accommodate Co-Presidents in our By-laws language. Charlie reminded us of the time line. Executive Board reviews proposed changes in January, proposed changes are shared at the February General Membership meeting, and final approval vote is taken at our may General members' meeting.

Community Service

Phyllis reported that over 600 items of school supplies were delivered to Hilltop Elementary and Mills-Parole Elementary – Thanks to Phyllis for delivering them and doing extensive research to identify the neediest of schools.

Non-perishable food items and pet supplies will be collected at our November Meeting/Luncheon. Food items will be delivered to the AA County Food Bank. Scholastic Warehouse is still not accepting volunteers so the committee may consider items for Assisted Living facilities in AA County that lack for resources.

Tony also reported still no success with toiletries collection. New focus is on Art Therapy items for places the Arundel Lodge/Hope Reimagined. Items such as paper, colored pencils, etc. More details to follow.

Consumer Education Committee

Phyllis reported on her recent attendance to a session led by an FBI representative. There is a list of scams produced by AA County Police and Attorney General. A new scam called Pig Butchery dealing with crypto currency, is now also identified.

Educator/Employee of the Month Committee

Tony reported the September winners were awarded at the October Board meeting. His committee has selected the winners through January. He briefly reviewed procedures for nominees who are retiring at the end of this school year.

Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee

Karlie reported on 5 main areas: Technology Updates, Visitor status, Miscellaneous, Chesapeake Crossroads Relationship and the 300th Anniversary Celebration. Refer to the handout distributed at the meeting. Key points included celebration of MD Day from 3/31-4/2/2023 with the free School Open House on 4/1/2023; a new working relationship with Chesapeake Crossroads; the mixed information when searches are done for Anne Arundel County Free School vs. Anne Arundell County Free School; setting up a new Facebook page; and a new book library for the 300th year anniversary.

Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee

Carla was absent and Charlie reported there will be 75 copies of our history available at our November General members' Meeting.

Informer deadline is December 30th.

Legislative Committee

Sharyn reported on MRSPA's Legislative Priorities for 2023 with emphasis on Education, especially curriculum. "Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education" was the new language. Board members were distributed the trifold. She also reminded Board members that Maryland's Election is being held on November 8, 2022. Early voting begins October 27 thru November 3, 2022. Be sure to vote!

Membership Committee

Leslie reported she and Marge continue to work diligently on updating membership in our database and in comparison with MRSPA's database (through letter J). As of September, we have 21 new members, 155 locals, 71 Emeritus, and a possible 271 retirees from January and July 2022. Promotional opportunities have not been available since there have been no pre-retirement sessions and there is no Board sponsored celebration party for retirees. Leslie proposed several options such as a networking event for new retirees. More to be discussed at our January Executive Board Meeting.

Pre-retirement Committee

Susan reported there will be a meeting in January for Pre-Retirement session scheduled in April. She also asked for a committee to be formed and Tony, Max, Leslie and Marge volunteered.

Nominating Committee

Dixie absent. More discussion at next Board Meeting about who finds President Elects.

Program Committee

No report

Publicity Committee

No report.

Raffle Committee

No report.

Sunshine/Remembrance Committee

Linda reported on Anniversary cards are mailed if Anniversaries end in a “0” or “5, not every year. Less obituaries are being written and we need to verify someone’s reported death before publication. She thanked other Board members who have recently helped the committee.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie reported on our earnings from Garry’s Grill on September 22nd was \$214. 64 and discussion ensued about staff not being familiar with the receipt basket process. She reminded us of the upcoming fundraiser at Killarney House Pub on November 29th for all day purchases of our special menu at a cost of \$30 and we receive \$10 for each meal sold. She read off the menu also. It was confirmed that we can identify 4 scholarships at \$5000 each versus our usual 3.

Trips and Travel Committee

Lucy was absent and Board members were reminded about the trip to Toby’s Dinner Theater scheduled for December 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Still has room since 39 were reserved and only 20 so far.

MRSPA Update:

Charlie reported on the Leadership workshop was held on September 27th with the topic of membership Engagement and Succession Planning.

Old Business

Eastern Shore Meeting: Leslie Schell reported the first Eastern Shore event will be scheduled for April 13 or 20, 2023, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a luncheon fare menu. Bob is still investigating locations.

New Business

Florida Gathering will be hosted by Dianne Myers in Cape Coral, FL March 22-23, 2023 is still under question due to recent hurricane damage. Decision will be made at January Board Meeting. Discussion ensured about less paper used at Board Meetings and General Members’ meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Phyllis. We adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Dates to Remember

- November 8, 2022 Election Day! Be sure to vote!
- November 10, 2022 AARSAP General Memberships Meeting/Luncheon at Renditions golf Course – 9:45 a.m. registration/10:30 a.m. meeting
- November 29, 2022 AARSPA Scholarship Fundraiser – Killarney House Pub, Davidsonville
- December 7, 2022 Toby’s Dinner Theater, It’s a Wonderful Life, 10:30 AM
- January 10, 2023 AARSPA Executive Board Meeting – 10 a.m. Board of Ed – Center 2A

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn Doyle, Substitute Secretary