

AARSPA Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting  
Final 4-10-21

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Virginia Crespo, Millie Gardner, Bob Kanach, Max Muller, Leslie Schell, Rick Wiles, Charles Gable, Dixie Stack, Deb Ahalt, Marge Smith, Phyllis Cherry, Sharyn Doyle, Wanda Twigg, Brenda Gibson, John Salwach, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Lille Caldwell, Sandra Edmonds, Zetta Hart

Rick Wiles called the meeting to order at 10:00 am followed by the pledge to the flag. The minutes from the previous meeting had been approved through email.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Max Muller gave the Treasurer's Report for the association and the Free School accounts. Copies of the report were emailed to the committee prior to this ZOOM meeting. AARSPA currently has 1,674 members. Max recommended that we use 1,675 members in the proposed budget. After paying some expenditures (\$273.88), we had \$960.82 income since the last treasurer's report. Some questions were asked about individual line items that Max Muller clarified. A motion to accept the budget was made by Charlie Gable and seconded by Tony Anzalone. The budget was accepted.

The proposed budget was then shared (sent by email). Max Muller identified all of the changes in the new budget and requested clarification and a change of the Preservation, Records, Archive line. It is now one line item. Max Muller stated that it appears we will have enough funds to support 4 scholarships next year. A motion to accept the changes and the proposed budget was made by Dixie Stack and seconded by Tony Anzalone. The proposed budget was accepted.

### **MRSPA Greetings**

Wanda Twigg-Executive Director emailed an update: You will recall that your local association project won the MRSPA Community Service award in 2020 in the appropriate category. We had not sent the certificates in hopes we would be able to present them in person. Now, it is time for us to distribute the 2021 awards, so we decided to send the 2020 certificates out to you, rather than wait any longer. Please be looking in your US Mail for an envelope from MRSPA with your Community Service Award certificate! They went in the US Mail this afternoon. If you have not received it by next Wednesday the 14th, please let us know! Your treasurer should have received your cash award last spring! Thank you for all you do in your community and for nominating a local project for recognition!

May 12, 2021 meeting will be held by Zoom. Rick Wiles will send out the information to the delegates attending.

### **AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported that the executive board will be updated as decisions are made for the chorus.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Brenda Gibson will send letters to the new scholarship winners. She also sent letters of congratulations to all of the nominees for the Teacher of the Year award and finalists for Anne Arundel County Independent School Teacher of the Year.

- Emily Davis (Language Arts)  
2020 Teacher of the Year Anne Arundel County  
Brooklyn Park Middle School
- Jing Dai (World Languages)  
Meade High School

- Kellie Goforth (AVID)  
North County High School
- Sarah Rippeon (Language Arts)  
Crofton Middle School
- Jessica Scanlon  
First Grade  
Glendale Elementary School
- Timothy Stedman (Physical Education)  
Crofton High School
- Myles Healy (English)  
St. Mary's High School
- Jacquelyn Touhey (Third Grade)  
Rockbridge Academy/Evergreen Campus

### **Community Service/Consumer Education Committee**

Phyllis Cherry reported that she has contacted the Scholastic Warehouse to inquire about their warehouse open house. Phyllis Cherry also requested ideas for her continued articles in The Informer for Consumer Education. She would like some feedback on her articles in The Informer. A discussion about the remaining funds in the Community Service budget ended with three charities each receiving \$100, The AAC Food Bank, AAC Animal Care & Control, and The Lighthouse Shelter. Robert Kanach will send the checks out. Items for the AAC Food Bank will be requested as donations for luncheon scheduled May 13, 2021.

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

Anthony Anzalone reported that he received support from Central Office employees to acquire names for Educator/Employee of the Month awards. At this time, he has 16 nominations. The committee is in good shape for this year and the beginning of next year.

### **Free School Museum Committee**

Karlie Everett's report was sent by email:

Tours and Visitors Report

1. Thanks, a very big thanks, to Bob and MaryJo Kanach for "spring cleaning" the Free School Museum.
2. The Maryland History Trust (MHT) and the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) through the Four Rivers Heritage Area requested information in survey form on the effects of Covid on operations at historic sites. I completed the survey and sent it.
3. We participated in the Maryland Day Weekend events by posting a virtual tour of the Free School Museum. The tour was conducted in 2005 by Howard Hall, Betty Ann White, Estelle Johnson, and Max Muller. Debbie Ahalt valiantly worked on posting the information and logos and links to AARSPA's FaceBook page. She provided me with the data on the number of people using the Facebook page for the Weekend so I could complete the Collection Form on Maryland Day activities. The FSM was listed in the brochure for this event, on rack cards, and on a variety of websites. The video can still be accessed on FaceBook and YouTube.
4. I was contacted by Joan Gaither who is interested in donating an original drawing of the FSM. She is contacting the artist to obtain provenance information.

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

Carla Duls reported that the April Informer is in production. She will add information about the Free School to the document. The August Informer deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Membership Committee**

Leslie Schell provided these Membership Talking Points:

- Total membership is 1,674
- 32 MRSPA members have canceled, but this did not affect our totals.
- Newsletter is being sent to 150 retirees from 2020. The April Informer will be the last. An application for AARSPA/MRSPA will be included in that last mailing.
- The returned application is to be sent directly to Leslie Schell.
- There are still challenges to getting the names and addresses of future retirees.
- John Salwach is updating packets for the new retirees.
- Dixie Stack suggested we withhold the \$750 that AARSPA contributes to the retiree's luncheon.

### **Pre-retirement Committee**

On Hold

### **Legislative Committee**

Virginia Crespo updated AARSPA concerning the new bills in the legislature. This session ends on Monday, April 12, 2021. Blue Print for Maryland's Future has passed. The tele-health bill is now a permanent part of Maryland Health initiatives. There has been an expansion for Early Voting. A bill to aid the regulation of nursing homes and memory care facilities has been added. They are still working on the policing bill.

### **Program Committee**

Dixie Stack will wait until April 15<sup>th</sup> to contact the new Teacher of the Year. At the May meeting, Charlie Gable will install the new officers. At this time, it has been difficult to find a replacement for President Wiles. Many possible individuals have been contacted by Dixie Stack. Sharyn Doyle stated she would be interested in doing this with someone else. Deb Ahalt was identified as a possibility. Another candidate stated that she was not ready, but it was suggested this person be President-Elect in 2 years for her to learn more about the function of the association and the executive board. Rick Wiles will call Sharyn Doyle to discuss the commitment. John Salwach expressed that we may get more individuals interested this fall.

### **Publicity Committee**

Debbie Ahalt has been working hard to keep the FaceBook page relevant and timely. She posted the Free School video and shared the links with the county officials organizing the Maryland Day activities.

### **Scholarship Committee/Raffle**

Tillie Barckley stated that she was receiving 14 applications for scholarships. There will be a Virtual awards ceremony on May 10, 2021. The scholarship winners are:

- Kaitlyn Mummert-Severna Park HS
- Caroline Pallet-Chesapeake HS
- Cayla Haney-Chesapeake HS

There will be a fundraiser at Brian Boru in Severna Park, June 23, 2021. The menu will be like our previous one and can be carry-out. Dixie Stack suggested Tillie Barckley contact Garry's Grill in Severna Park as another option for the scholarship committee.

### **Sunshine/Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner reported that she has a list of 53 members who have passed away as of February. There have been more since that month. A service is being planned for these individuals. Millie Gardner and Linda Poole will prepare and do the service to limit the number of individuals needed. Currently there are 43 emeritus members who have eagerly let Millie know they have reached this age. Birthday cards

are being sent to these individuals. Linda Poole is sending sympathy cards and Dianne Rogers is sending the get-well cards. Millie will continue sending Anniversaries and Congratulations. cards. Please let the committee know of members who should receive a card in one of these categories.

**Trips and Travel Committee**

Lucy Travers emailed her report: I plan to have a meeting with Trip Committee sometime in May either by Zoom or in person. Maybe by then we will have some information to plan some day trips next Fall or Winter.

**New Business**

- May 13, 2021, is the next Business and Luncheon Meeting at Two Rivers Restaurant in Lake Shore Plaza. The number of guests will be limited due to COVID-19. Tillie Barckley asked if scholarship winners should be invited and it was decided no they should not.
- Bob Kanach suggested that we submit Mary F. Farrell’s name as a possibility for the renaming of George Fox.
- Executive Board will meet at The Free School on June 10<sup>th</sup> outside, by Zoom if weather is an issue.
- Executive Board meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> will be a Zoom meeting. Delegates for the MRSPA Zoom meeting will be sent information by President Wiles.

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:49 by John Salwach and seconded by Charlie Gable.

**Dates to Remember**

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| Wed., May 12, 2021  | MRSPA Annual Zoom Business Meeting  |
| Th., May 13, 2021   | Business Meeting and Luncheon - Two Rivers Restaurant @ Lake Shore Plaza off Mountain Road: registration, 9:45am and meeting at 10:30am |
| Th., June 10, 2021  | Executive Board Meeting – The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD (weather permitting) or Zoom @ 10:00am to 12:00pm       |
| Wed., June 23, 2021 | Scholarship Fundraiser at Brian Boru  |
| Th., July 8, 2021   | Executive Board Meeting - Zoom @ 10:00am – 12:00pm  |

Respectfully submitted by Zetta Hart