

AARSPA Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2022  
Center 2-A Board of Education

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Max Mueller, Millie Gardner, Rick Wiles, Charles Gable, Dixie Stack, Deb Ahalt, Marge Smith, Sharyn Doyle, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Karlie Everett, Lucy Travers, Carolyn Smith, Zetta Hart

Deb Ahalt called the meeting to order at 10:06 am followed by the pledge to the flag lead by Rick Wiles.

**Recording Secretary**

The minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting was presented. One change was made before Sharyn Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Carla Duls. Zetta Hart requested the executive board consider moving all minutes to a digital format. After a discussion it was decided that draft minutes would be sent to the executive board. Sharyn Doyle will begin posting these on our website for review. Then at membership meetings, minutes will be presented for the membership to review and approve. Once approved, they will be added to a digital file for storage. Marge Smith agreed to provide a projection screen and Zetta Hart will bring a laptop and projector. A vote was taken and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Max Mueller gave the treasurer's report up through March. The next fiscal year will coincide with the membership campaign. The books are still waiting to be reviewed by an auditor. After some discussion, Charlie Gable made a motion to accept the current budget report and Tillie Barckley seconded it. The group approved the current budget. Mr. Mueller then reviewed the proposed budget based on 1,635 members.

**Corresponding Secretary**

No report

**Committee Reports**

**AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus now consists of 31 members. They have four concerts scheduled, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The group is still in need of a director.

**By-Laws Committee**

Dixie Stack reported that the committee has not met and a meeting is yet to be scheduled. She hopes to have the meeting this summer or early fall. The state bylaws have changed and she is waiting to coordinate our bylaws with the state. Deb Ahalt will get a copy of the state bylaws to Ms. Stack. Help was requested and Sharyn Doyle, Rick Wiles, Deb Ahalt, and Bob Kanach will assist.

**Community Service/Consumer Education Committee**

Phyllis Cherry was not in attendance but emailed a request for cash contributions at the next general meeting for The Anne Arundel County Food Bank and Anne Arundel Animal Care and Control. Anthony Anzalone reported that the charities are now asking for full sized toiletries. They are requesting towels, sheets, pillows, and curtains. He has many travel-sized products and will find other options for donation. We will also continue supplying books for new teachers once the Scholastic Warehouse reopens for volunteers.

The person nominated for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award is Judy Engelmeyer. The form is due April 19, 2022. Charlie Gable will hand carry the paperwork to Baltimore County.

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

Anthony Anzalone reported that his committee is doing well. They have two months left, May and June. The next award will be made at the April Board of Education meeting.

### **Free School Museum Committee**

Karlie Everett gave a very detailed report about the events surrounding Maryland Day at the Free School. Four Rivers Heritage will be renamed Chesapeake Crossroads. The Free School is included in the Maryland Day brochure. The facility was visited by about 50 adults and 15 children on Maryland Day. Ms. Everett would like to purchase a yard sign for next year. Visitation to the school will still follow the guidance of the school system. A discussion was had in reference to the 300-year celebration. The law was passed to have free schools on October 26, 1723. A motion was made by Dixie Stack to use October 26<sup>th</sup> as the date and Deb Ahalt seconded the motion. It was decided that we will use October 26<sup>th</sup> as the founding date for the celebration in 2023. Ms. Everett stated that she is in need of more docents. She will be requesting this in the coming Informer newsletter. There will be a crew cleaning the building on April 20<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Marie Diamond is calling people to assist with the cleaning.

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

Carla Duls reported that she had a meeting with the school system Print Shop to discuss the publishing of the six-year history of AARSPA. It is 105 pages and she will request 75 copies with a possible 25 reprints. Ms. Duls thanked Sharyn Doyle for proofreading the document. The Informer newsletter is at the printers. Help will be needed for the mailings on April 12, 2022, 9 am-12 pm.

### **Legislative Committee**

Sharyn Doyle updated the board members of the events for this legislative term. It was suggested that we go to the legislative website to view the tax break for seniors. The bills from this session are on Governor Hogan's desk for his signature. Ms. Doyle stated that some of our retirement money is invested in Russia. She also shared that as of July 20, 2023, school system will be allowed to hire 25 retired people without any salary restrictions.

### **Membership Committee**

Marge Smith reported that at this time we have six new members. The committee has created a new brochure and would like it to go with the materials given to new retirees. The human resources department stated that they could not include the brochure because TAAACR does not have a similar document to include. This will be investigated further. The Eastern Shore survey has been tabulated. It appears that there is interest in a meeting in Easton but might like to rotate the location. The survey shows that they want an inexpensive meal. The committee is looking at a date in 2023.

### **Pre-retirement Committee**

No report

### **Program Committee**

Dixie Stack stated that the Memorial Service will occur at the May 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Voices in Melody will be performing.

### **Publicity Committee**

No Report

### **Raffle Committee**

No report

### **Scholarship Committee**

Tillie Barckley reported that she received 8 applications for our scholarships. Letters would be sent to the four recipients. Max Mueller requested a confirmation for transference of the funds and the auditor. Ms. Barckley thanked Leslie Schell and Bob Kanach for their assistance in the selection. The scholarship winners and one parent will be invited to our May meeting. Ms. Barckley, Charlie Gable, and Deb Ahalt will attend the Scholarships for Scholars presentation. This year the four winners were:

1. Giulia Chute - Old Mill High School
2. Emma Gipe - Arundel High School
3. Allyson Priebe - South River High School
4. McKinsey-Rae Witzel - Severn High School

### **Sunshine/Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner confirmed the events for our May luncheon which will include the Memorial Service and the Voices in Melody.

### **Trips and Travel Committee**

Lucy Travers and Carolyn Smith reported that there will not be a trip in October. Pricing was an issue. They are hoping to have a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater. Tickets have not yet been secured. A quick discussion was had to share the success of the Florida Trip. Twenty-one people were in attendance. A request was made to have the host/hostess provide a list of events or activities in their area for participants to do in the down times.

### **New Business**

The Proposed Budget was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Mueller stated that additional funds may be provided for committees who need more funds. Lucy Travers made a motion to approve the proposed budget and Dixie Stack seconded the proposal. The proposed budget was approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dixie Stack and seconded by Leslie Schell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.

### **Dates to Remember**

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| May 11, 2022  | MRSPA Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon  |
| May 12, 2022  | AARSPA Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena, MD. |
| May 25, 2022  | Blue Angels Demonstration Cruise and Dinner   |
| June 15, 2022 | Scholarship Fundraiser at Brian Boru  |
| July 14, 2022 | Executive Board Meeting, BOE, Center 2A, 10:00 AM   |

Respectfully submitted  
Zetta Hart