

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Board of Education - Center III
February 7, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Alicia Hardisky, Carol Kirby, Bob Kanach, John Hammond, Charlie Gable, Pat Ericson, Karlie Everett, Matilda Barckley, Lonnie Kelly, Carla Duls, Susie Jablinske, Millie Zipay, Sandra Edmonds, Susie Jablinske & Tony Anzalone.

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

PLEDGE: Charlie Gable led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: John Hammond presented the minutes from the January 10, 2013 meeting. Minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alicia Hardisky presented the treasurer's report of fund balances. The report was approved and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report.

REPORTS:

Legislation: Susie Jablinske reported for Virginia Crespo. The Legislative Reception/Luncheon will be on March 6th from 10:30 - 1:00. Our legislators or staffers will stop by and it will be a good time to chat in an informal setting. We now have bill numbers for the pension reform bills to change from corridor funding to actuarial funding. Now is the time to speak with your legislators. Bob referred to the MRSPA bulletin referencing the bills.

Archives / History: Carla reported she is working on the archives and history. There are 3 depositories for the archives: the Free School, the War Room at the BOE & Howard Hall/ Betty White's boxes of documents. Carla plans to review the files located at the BOE over the next four months and develop a spreadsheet of the file contents.

Constitution - By-Laws: Nothing to report at this time. May need to revisit in September. Tony Anzalone volunteered to assist.

Chorus: Bob gave a status report on the chorus.

Community Service: Bob reported that on MRSPA's "No Kid Hungry" program. Also, discussed the possibility of the group volunteering to assist with the summer foods program in the

elementary schools. He will try to contact the Food Service Division to discuss the program which is strongly supported by the Governor's office and MRSPA.

Consumer Education: No report. We need a committee chair.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reported that the selection committee members are meeting regularly and actively working on nominations. We are receiving more nominations than previous months thanks to the increased emphasis on the program by the BOE administration. The front reception desk staff at the BOE were awarded this month's employee award.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky reported that the committee will need to develop a budget for the allocation of funds from the \$5 increase in annual dues. Will discuss at the next executive board meeting.

Free School: Karlie reported she is working on the open house schedule. The Renaissance Festival runs from Aug. 24 - Oct. 24 and the traffic has a large impact on access to the Free School. She has developed talking points for the docents and has found that some of the historical information conflicts with previous talking points. Docent responsibilities have been updated and the specifics will be worked out at the March 20th meeting. Discussed the booklet authored by Chip Adomanis titled "Then and Now in Maryland". Will explore the possibility of acquiring the remaining copies from Chip and distributing them to the elementary principals during the summer meetings in the hopes of generating more teacher/student interest in visiting the Free School. Bob will contact Dr. Maxwell to discuss the distribution. We need to increase exposure for the school.

Hospitality: No report.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported that according to MRSPA we have 102 new members and between 1900 - 1920 members. Dues requests are going out from MRSPA and AARSPA. Recommended that we put a membership flyer in the retiree packets and a request to do so will be submitted to Florie Bozzella. We now have over 700 member e-mail addresses and Bob wants to get the e-mail newsletter distribution running before he leaves office. Carol recommended a "dry run" to distribute the newsletter via e-mail.

Remembrance: Millie Zipay reported a lot of cards are being sent out for illnesses and deaths. She recommended and volunteered to send out birthday cards to emeritus members. Approved.

Newsletter/ Informer: Carla Duls reported the most recent edition went to press on February 4th. A group will be gathered to prepare the newsletters for mailing on February 11th. April 1st is the next deadline for articles and Carla anticipates another 8 page newsletter.

Photography: Nothing new to report. John Hammond will provide photography services as needed and plans on taking pictures at the Florida luncheon meeting in Naples, Florida.

Pre-Retirement: No report but the spring meeting is scheduled for April 13th at Severna Park High School.

Programs: Charlie Gable reported his committee is meeting and has scheduled a A.A.Co. police guest speaker for the March luncheon. The topic will be "Safety for Seniors". He has also scheduled an vocal entertainer, Nancy Abramson for the luncheon. More presenters are being planned. There is a concern that members are leaving before and during the presentations which is embarrassing for the presenters and the program committee members. Charlie will address this matter in the upcoming newsletter. The AACPS "Teacher of the Year" will attend our May luncheon/meeting. We are hoping to expand the Choral presentations at the May meeting.

Public Relations: Bob reported the web site is still experiencing some issues but for the most part it is up to date. Our web masters are working hard to keep it updated.

Raffle: Sandra Edmonds reported we will be ready to sell tickets at the next luncheon/mtg. and MRSPA scholarship tickets are also available.

Scholarship: Karlie reported we have collected a total of \$11,640 (\$5,940 from donations/raffle tickets and \$5,700 from dues). Need \$360 to make our \$12,000 goal for 3 scholarships of \$4000 each. Karlie continues to work closely with the 21st Century Foundation and Scholarships for Scholars. She has developed a rubric for scoring this year's scholarship applicants.

Travel: Bob reported that Lou Kamm's committee organized a spring Cherry Blossom/Cruise for 3/28/2013 at \$95 per ticket and a Crab Feast/Cruise in Hurlock, Md. for September at \$80 per ticket. They are also organizing a musical at the Hippodrome for the holidays - "White Christmas". Exploring additional shows/concerts/trips.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske reported the United Senior Legislative Forum is scheduled for March 19, 2013. We allocated \$50 for the USM ad and will send up to 10 members at \$15 each.

Nominations: We need official nominees for Recording Secretary and Assistant Recording Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together: Bob reported the meeting/luncheon is still scheduled in Naples on February 21-22, 2013 and 12 people have signed up to attend. Most of the attendees are from Maryland. We are hoping to have more participation based on feedback

from a sign-up form in the next newsletter. If not, this may be the last Florida luncheon/meeting. We may try to offer a summer luncheon/meeting to attract participation from Florida members who spend the summer in Maryland.

Important Dates:

February 13th - Planning Meeting - Karlie's house for 3/20/13 Free School meeting.
March 6th - AARSPA Legislative Lunch - 10:30 am - Lowe House Office Bldg., Room 170
March 13th - MRSPA President's Meeting - MRSPA office - Odenton
March 14th - General Membership Luncheon Meeting - Michael's - 10:30 A.M.
March 19th - United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Forum - St. John's College
March 28th - Cherry Blossom/Odyssey Cruise
April 11th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building - Center 2 - 10:00 A.M.
April 13th - Pre-Retirement Seminar - SPHS - 8:00 A.M.
May 9th - General Membership Luncheon Mtg. - Renditions Golf Course - 10:30 A.M.
May 14th - MRSPA Annual Business Mtg. - Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, Md. - 8:00 A.M.
June 13th - Exec. Board Mtg. - "The Free School" - 10:00 A.M.
July 11th - Exec. Board Mtg. - Parham Building - Center 3, 10:00 A.M.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Recording Secretary