

**ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

Executive Board Meeting

June 8, 2018

Center 2 A, BOE Building

**Attendance:** Dixie Stack, Bonnie Schmeltz, Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, John Salwach, Tillie Barckley, Carla Duls, Phyllis Cherry, Karlie Everett, Ken Nichols, Virginia Crespo, Anthony Anzalone, Brenda Gibson, Zetta Hart, Lucy Travers, Carol Kirby, Max Muller, John Hammond, Joyce Nellenback, and Sharyn Doyle

**Call to Order:** Co-President Dixie Stack called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Introduction of New Board Members:** Max Muller was introduced as Treasurer and Zetta Hart as Assistant Recording Secretary. Also mentioned, was Leslie Schell who will be helping Carol Kirby with membership.

**Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Executive Board Meeting:** Sharyn had emailed them out earlier and printed copies were available. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved. A copy of the approved minutes will be sent to William Brose for posting on our website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob distributed the Treasurer's Report dated June 8, 2018 as attached. He reported on three major expenses, Constant Contact and the Free School roof. He also reported on the new keyboard purchase for Voices in Melody and distributed a new reimbursement form (attached). A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded. A vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"** - Rick was absent. Barry read the report from Rick (attached). Barry reported there were 8 concerts this past winter, 7 concerts this spring and current membership of 33 members. Chorus is led by Judy Englemeyer and accompanied by pianist Joyce Nellenback. Joyce was also present at the meeting and thanked the Board for the new keyboard. In turn, a special appreciation was expressed by Dixie and other Executive Board members for the beautiful Memorial Service that was held at the recent General Membership meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Brenda reported she sent a thank you note to Tim Dangel for his presentation at the last General Membership meeting. She also expressed her appreciation for our Community Services Committee for their support of the STAIR program. She also shared the recent award won for the STAIR program at Severn Elementary for the most exemplary program in the Northeast and Old Mill Region. A sample book used in the program was also circulated amongst the Board members. She also reported that more tutors are needed and training sessions are scheduled this summer. Anyone interested should contact Brenda directly and she will assist them with the background check scheduling, training, etc. Dixie offered our support for funding background checks if needed. Brenda will report back if there is such a cost to tutors.

She wished to still send thank you notes to the delegates from our Legislative Luncheon for their support, yet she was still awaiting a list of those attendees. A grant from the Casino is also a viable resource being explored for funding.

**Recording Secretary:** No report at this time.

**Consumer Education:** Phyllis reported that on June 15<sup>th</sup> at UMBC, there will be a special event (lunch and program) for Elder Abuse Awareness Day with guest speaker Frank Abagnale, a security consultant known for his history as a former trickster, check forger and imposter. Anyone interested in attending can see her after the meeting for more information.

**Community Service:** Phyllis reported donations were down from previous years, especially in the areas of children's clothing and books. Several Executive Board members responded with appreciation for all that has been done and that committee members should still be proud of accomplishments. Ideas were discussed on how to increase donations such as providing a reminder in the newsletter in the luncheon narrative, adding more options for Alzheimer Walk donations, etc.

**Educator/Employee of the Month:** Dixie reported that Tony was honored at the last Board meeting for his work with this award and its committee. Tony reported that we have a good success rate of who we nominate and it is easier now to obtain nominations from schools.

**Free School:** Karlie reported that Free School stationary is still plentiful and ideas were discussed on how to utilize the stationary, e.g. gifts. She also reported due to the detour, roof repair, and trips being cancelled last minute due to financing, visitor numbers are expected to be down for this time period. Bob also reported that the roof shingles are still on order and repair work should begin in July, one section at a time. Outside painting work also needs to be done soon, yet not before the roof is completed. There is also much tree work needing to be done and BOE intervention is expected.

**Going Green:** Bob reported that over 50% of our members are receiving the newsletter electronically and 72% of those actually opened the link to read the newsletter. We also have many members who are receiving it via US Mail and electronically, a very difficult issue to monitor and resolve with little consequence since our mail costs have greatly decreased over the years.

#### **Historian & Editor of the AARSPA Informer**

**Historian:** Carla reminded everyone about their end of the year report due July 12<sup>th</sup>. Several committees still need to send in their reports.

**Editor of the AARSPA Informer:** The deadline for the next issue of the Informer is August 1<sup>st</sup> and knowing our September luncheon is September 13<sup>th</sup> so we need to be careful to publish the informer with enough turnaround time for lunch reservations.

**United Seniors of MD Representative:** Carla shared the intense research and knowledgeable speakers that have been part of the meetings held by the Governor's Task Force on Long Term Care Education and Planning. Their draft report is due to the Governor by June 30<sup>th</sup> and their last meeting will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Committee:** Virginia reported that there were 23 bills presented, 16 were signed, 1 was vetoed and the other 7 were cross-referenced. She reminded us about the bill

that was passed to help regulate pharmacy managers and an amendment will be on the ballot for all casino monies to be used for schools. Virginia also reminded us that we will be discussing the formation of an AARSPA Legislative Committee at our next Executive Board meeting in July.

**Membership:** Carol reported that Leslie Schell will be assisting with membership and Carol's own computer recently crashed so she is still busy with recovery utilizing her 60 day old back up. We have 1600 members who are local and state joint, 200 local only members, and 41 Emeritus members. She also reviewed the MRSPA incentives for payroll deductions and new memberships. More information is on the MRSPA website and emails had been sent out to all members.

**Pre-Retirement-** John reported the next date is October 20<sup>th</sup> at Annapolis High. More information will be available as the date nears. The coordinator of this event is still learning the details needing to be shared. For example, prior to the actual start of the meeting, presenters were told there would be 200 more attendees than originally planned.

**Program:** Charlie was absent. Dixie reported the Superintendent will be at our fall program next General Membership meeting with Steel Drums Band entertainment. Tim Dangel will be working with Charlie to transition to this position as Program Director since Charlie is now MRSPA Vice President. The next committee meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Remembrance & Sunshine:** Millie reported we now have 42 Emeritus members and how quickly she receives a message from members who turn 90 years old and become Emeritus members. She also reported how happy these members are when we treat them to lunch at our general meetings.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tillie thanked everyone for their continued support and shared the collected amount from the May General Membership meeting to be \$1208. So far this year, a total of \$3480 has been collected for Century 21 scholarship funds and \$3604 for AARPSA scholarship funds, a definite amount to help cover costs for 3 scholarships to be awarded. Millie was also thanked again for donating her entire 50/50 raffle winnings back to the Scholarship fund. She also reported on the details of the process followed to ensure Career Facilitators and students learn about scholarship information with no bias to gender.

**Trips & Travel Committee:** Lucy reported on 3 successful trips already held to the 9-11 Memorial, Winterthur and Harriet Tubman Freedom Trail. The tour guide with Gunther Travels is a nurse and her aid was used when one of our travelers became ill and another fell at one of the tour stops. Since the accident, updates to the facility itself have been made to further ensure the safety of all visitors. Fall travel plans are also already in place and include the national Museum of African American History and Culture and Gaylord ICE. Mt. Dora will be the site for our next Florida trip also.

**Old Business:** None at this time

**New Business**

**Liability Coverage for Trips We Arrange:** Dixie reported she will check with MRSPA on our liability protection for trips.

**MD Senior Hall of Fame:** Rick Wiles will be installed in in October. Karlie questioned the one other person nominated. Since most nominations appear to be automatic inductions, Tony Anzalone was going to check on this matter.

**Executive Board Member Items:**

**Treasurer Report:** Max presented the attached FY2019 budget is based on 1800 members, a change from the 1850 of the 2018 fiscal year budget. Also noted, the number of scholarships was 3, a change from the 2018 fiscal year budget of 4. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and seconded. A vote was taken and the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

**By Laws:** Ken asked if there were any particular by laws that we wish to be reviewed and it was agreed to revisit the wording for individuals who qualify to be an officer.

**Dates to Remember:** Refer to attached Agenda and Calendar.

**Adjournment** -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharyn Doyle  
Recording Secretary