

Anne Arundel County Retired School Personnel Association

Executive Board Meeting

Board of Education Building - Center 1

January 8, 2015

Attendance: Charlie Gable, Barry Fader, Bob Kanach, Millie Zipay, Karlie Everett, Alicia Hardisky, Carla Duls, Matilda Barckley, Phyllis Cherry, Susie Jablinske, Rick Wiles, Sue Errichiello, Tony Anzalone, Sandra L. Edmonds, Joel Drapalski

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Charlie Gable at 10:00AM

Pledge to the flag: Pledge was led by Barry Fader

Minutes from October 9th' 2014 Executive Board meeting: minutes were presented by Sue Errichiello and approved unanimously by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Report was presented by Alicia Hardisky. Two issues with 12/14 trip are noted. Trip in December involved three business entities: bus company, theatre and restaurant. As in past, checks were sent to Gunther Bus Company. One check was lost therefore AARSPA was responsible for the \$33 bank charge. Additionally, \$50 was paid to Severna Park church of parking. AARSPA originally made \$ 265 on trip but this amount is reduced by the above charges. Discussion re: resolution of these issues. Lou Kamm has recommended that bus company pay the bank charges for lost check. In future parking can be done in school parking lots or other free parking lots. B & A trail parking off route 50 is also mentioned. A motion for approval of minutes is made and budget is accepted.

Committee Reports:

Archives/ History: a request is made for any artifacts that can be added to the collection, e.g., newsletters, minutes, etc. The present entries are being edited for our five year history report (2010 – 2015).

Chorus- "Voices in Melody": Charlie Gable reports that he attended the performance at the Pascal Center and it was wonderful and fun for all. Rick Wiles reports that at this time there are three new members. The chorus received \$250 in donations as a result of their winter concerts. **Emeritus member, Mary Lord played a piano duet at the Pascal Center.**

Community Service: Karlie Everett reports that a dozen or so cartons were collected at the luncheon at CATN for "Harvest for the Hungry". In February, articles for school health rooms will be collected. Hillsmere Elementary and Van Bokkelen Elementary will be the recipient of these articles. Toiletries will be collected for Crofton Rehabilitation or Annapolis Area Genesis

center. We will collect books in remembrance of deceased members at our May luncheon. They will be donated to the Stanton Center (Annapolis Youth Services) who is represented by Phyllis Collins. These donated books should be multicultural in nature.

Volunteer Surveys will list places where our members are already volunteering and the results will be in the newsletter. An awards submission was discussed. Should the submission be for one individual or for AARSPA as a group? Point was made that the volunteering is happening in a great many places. Mary Overholzer will be nominated for the MRSPA individual award. Nominations for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame will be considered by the Community Service committee on January 20th and forwarded as appropriate. Decision was made that the AARP awards could wait another year. Discussion would continue at committee meeting on the 20th.

Constitution (By Laws): Ed Stofko not present. No report was submitted.

Consumer Education: Phyllis Chery reports no news. There will be an article in the newsletter

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone reports that Educator of the Month application has been updated to include Unit VI employees. The candidates appear before the Board on the first Wednesday of the month. Selections have been made up until March.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky present but no report.

Free School status: Maintenance was addressed by Bob Kanach. Rubbish has been cleared. The cleanup is scheduled for March 28th at 9 AM.

Karlie Everett reports that there has been an increase of adult visits. Open houses have increased slightly. Some of the artifacts from the Free School have ended up at Lontontowne. Apparently an unauthorized dig was done at the Free School. Artifacts should be stored in a climate control facility to guarantee longevity. There are options as to where to donate the artifacts. They can be sent to state or loaned to Lontontowne. Loaning them would allow more access by students. Displays can be done at Free School possibly by local college students. There are cards that depict the Free School that were printed in the past to be sold at Free School. Board voted not to print again. Remainders can be sold or given as door prizes.

Hospitality: Pat Caldwell not present. No report submitted

Legislative: Virginia Crespo submitted report that was posted on meeting agenda. New session begins 1/14/15. There is a \$1.2 billion deficit some of which has been offset. Deficit makes the picture bleak when it comes to pension issues. It becomes an easy target for cuts. Recommendation: ask a legislator to lunch. AARSPA is planning on a legislative luncheon where members can address concerns directly to legislators.

Membership: Carol Kirby not present. There has been a 1.7% increase in membership

Newsletter: Carla Duls reported the next "Informer" deadline is February 4, 2015.

Nominating: Barry Fader reports no progress. Please contact him with ideas.

Photography: John Hammond not present

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reports that 300 people came to program. Speakers did a fine job with exception of the representative from the State Pension System. Surveys were collected. Participants were unhappy with that portion of program. Spring presentations should be a collaborative venture rather than an independent endeavor of one organization. Mr. Drapalski requests that a replacement be found to take this position.

Program Committee: Charlie Gable reports that general membership meeting has been confirmed for February 12 at the Blue Dolphin in Crofton. Karen Straughn, Assistant Attorney General will speak on Senior Scams. Entertainment will be provided by Crabtowne Combo. May 14th the general membership meeting will be held at Renditions Golf Course.

Scholarship: Our scholarship winners and their parents will be invited to our May Luncheon. The Committee is waiting for the applications which are being gathered by Scholarships for Scholars.

Public Relations: Bob Kanach reports that committee has worked with Webster Dorsey and Constant Contact on producing online newsletter/website. There has been money budgeted to do this. The activity level on the site will determine the price. Some suggestions were to contact CAT-N, CAT-S or CO for input.

Travel & Trips: a trip to Longwood Gardens is planned for Tuesday, May 19th. The cost will be around \$100.

United Seniors: Susie Jablinske reports that there is a Legislative forum on January 28th in the Miller Senate Office Building. Registration is at 8 AM the program begins at 9. \$15 covers cost of lunch and a continental breakfast.

"Florida Get-Together": The dates are March 11-12, 2015. The hosts/ sponsors are Joan Stipetic, Joanne Hogan and Jeanne Jones. The location will be at Marco Island Country Club. The cost will be \$35 per person, including tax and gratuity plus a cash bar. There is a possibility of a minimum number of 50 for the luncheon. There will be a reception on March 11th at the home of Joanne Hogan in Naples, FL.

MRSPA News/Updates: Annual Business meeting will be held on May 12, 2015 at Turf Valley in Ellicott City. AARSPA is entitled to send 20 delegates to this event. Each local is asked to develop a display highlighting accomplishments for this meeting. Two of our members are nominated for state officers: Alicia Hardisky – Treasures, Carla Duls- Secretary

New Business: United Legal Benefits is a vendor sanctioned by MRSPA. Board voted not to allow a visit by the representative.

Dates to Remember:

January 28, 2015 - USM Legislative Forum

February 12, 2015 - General Membership Meeting - Blue Dolphin Restaurant

March 11 & 12 – “24th Annual Florida Get Together” Naples FL

April 14, 2015 - Executive Board Meeting - BOE - Center III - 10:00 AM

May 12, 2015 – MRSPA Annual Business Meeting - Turf Valley Ellicott City

May 14, 2015 – General Membership Meeting/luncheon Renditions Golf Course
Davidsonville, meeting begins at 10:30