

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Free School Museum
July 08, 2021 (In-person)

Attendees: Bob Kanach, Charlie Gable, Anthony Anzalone, Karlie Everett, Dixie Stack, Rick Wiles, Leslie Schell, Marge Smith, Deb Ahalt, Carolyn Smith, Zetta Hart, Phyllis Cherry, Sharyn Doyle, Matilda Barckley, Max Muller, Carla Duls, Millie Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. The pledge to the flag was led by Rick Wiles.

Minutes of the June 10, 2021, meeting was presented and one correction made. Sharyn Doyle made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Leslie Schell. The minutes from June 10, 2021 were accepted by the group.

Treasurer's Report: Max Muller presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the budget for June 30, 2021 and the new fiscal year were provided. The fiscal year ended on June 30, 2021. The Gunson Fund report was updated with the interest payment of \$19.50 for interest earned. There were no other changes made to the June 30th report. Sharyn Doyle made a motion to accept the June 30th report and was seconded by Matilda Barckley. The members voted to accept the final 2021 report. Mr. Muller then shared the new fiscal year budget that began on July 1st, 2021. He reported that there will be \$18, 764.50 projected for the scholarship fund. It is expected that AARSPA will provide 4 scholarships this year. A motion was made by Sharyn Doyle to accept the July 1st report and was seconded by Rick Wiles. The members in attendance voted to accept the budget.

Corresponding Secretary: No Report

Committee Reports:

AARSPA Chorus, "Voices in Melody": Rick Wiles reported that the chorus is on hold pending finalization of the facility use contract and the selection of a new Chorus Director.

Bylaws: Dixie Stack requested that a committee review the bylaws in the fall. The need for an additional bylaw to address virtual meetings is needed for any possible emergency situation. Leslie Schell shared the information from MRSPA concerning their virtual meetings. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the bylaws should be reviewed and a committee should be selected during the September luncheon meeting to include more than just executive board members.

Community Service/Consumer Education:

Community Service: Phyllis Cherry stated that she assumes donations for different purposes will continue at luncheons this year. There has been no information provided for the Scholastic Book Warehouse. She would like to meet with her committee to discuss the needs for donations. The September luncheon meeting will elicit school supplies and pet food. Ms. Cherry will contact local food banks to assess their needs. Anthony Anzalone reported that he received a large supply of toiletries to be used by the Community Service Committee.

Consumer Education: Phyllis Cherry shared that she will be writing more about scams that have been targeting seniors.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Anthony Anzalone sent emails to his committee members expressing a need to meet very soon. This past year 25 education as well as 11 non-education employees were honored. Each honoree will receive a copy of our Informer Newsletter when their name is posted in the news. Mr. Anzalone has created a label for the newsletter to draw their attention to our organization. A scholarship donation form is also on the same page.

Free School Museum: Karlie Everett stated the Four Rivers Heritage Area group will begin a process of rebranding and redoing their marketing materials. When this process is completed, the Free School Museum will be included in the updated materials. Ms. Everett submitted a blurb for these materials which was field tested with several individuals. Members from the Four Rivers Heritage Area and from Linthicum Walks and Ms. Everett will meet on July 12, 2021 to discuss future plans. Ms. Everett has submitted information containing the video tour to Eve Case, Coordinator of Social Studies, for the AACPS, for the August Inservice Day. The video tour posted to the AARSPA Facebook page has had 45 hits. Ms. Everett has contacted the FSM docents keeping them up-to-date on the rebranding process and keeping them informed about new historical research information about the FSM, i.e. the catapula tree in the front of the building and connections between people from the FSM's past and from Linthicum Walks past. Bob Kanach brought back a certificate documenting his visit to the one-room schoolhouse in St. Augustine. Using this as a model, Ms. Everett had a certificate developed for the FSM. Finally, the 300th anniversary of the Annearrundell County Free School is approaching. We need to decide which year to recognize - 1723 when the legislation was passed, 1724 when the land was purchased and the schoolhouse construction began, or 1725 when the school most likely opened.

Historian and Editor of the Informer: The Informer deadline for the next issue is July 25, 2021. The date was moved up because the luncheon responses are due August 31, 2021. More time is need to get the luncheon responses recorded. Annual committee reports are due the first week of July.

Legislative: Sharyn Doyle stated that she will meet with MRSPA in August. Ms. Doyle would like to have some of the new members review the by-laws

Membership: Leslie Schell reported that the updated directory has gone to the printshop. There is a new cover for this publication. It should be ready by September 1st for distribution at the September 8th luncheon meeting. AACPS HR sent the addresses for 252 of the new retirees to Ms. Schell. HR did not indicate the total number of new retirees. AARSPA will continue to work with the school system on this issue. Bob and Mary Jo Kanach have been taking care of mailings for the Membership committee. Currently, twenty-eight new members have joined our organization. It was suggested to invite new retirees to a meeting at the Free School to inform them of the opportunities AARSPA has to offer. Reminders have been sent to individuals not up to date with their dues. AARSPA members are encouraged to join AARSPA and MRSPA.

Ms. Schell is working with MRSPA to get fiscal year alignments in place with memberships enrollment.

Nominating Committee: No report, but a President-elect is needed for 2022-2023.

Pre-retirement: Deb Ahalt read a message from John Salwach. Health issues caused him to resign. It was suggested that Susan Baugher and Angela Barber be contacted to head this committee. Charlie Gable will contact Ms. Baugher and Ms. Barber.

Program: Dixie Stack shared some ideas to engage AACPS retirement employees, Board members, and other school system personnel. Ms. Stack continues to be in contact with The Teacher of the Year to schedule her as a guest speaker at a luncheon. Discussion continued about the possibility of a luncheon meeting on the Eastern Shore. It was suggested that a survey go out in The Informer to determine the interest of such a meeting. Dixie Stack, Rick Wiles, Deb Ahalt, Charlie Gable, and Robert Kanach will meet to plan a possible Eastern Shore event for the spring. The November luncheon will be at Renditions.

Publicity: No Report

Raffle: No Report

Remembrance and Sunshine: Millie Gardner updated the executive board on the news about Barry and Peggy Fader. Ms. Gardner distributed cards for the board to write notes for Barry letting him know we are thinking about him. She hopes to send one card each week. Sixty-seven anniversary cards have been sent as well as cards for the new emeritus members. Glass flower arrangements were donated to AARSPA and Ms. Gardner wants to use them for table decorations at a luncheon. The group agreed.

Scholarship: Tillie Barckley thanked the group for supporting the scholarship fundraiser at Brian Boru. She received donations as well as the funds from the meals. Ms. Barckley reminded us about the fundraiser at Garry's Grill on August 12th. A fundraiser at the Killarney House Irish Restaurant, Davidsonville, MD, will be planned for a date in the fall. Information will be in The Informer. Ms. Barckley announced she would like one new member for her committee.

Trips and Travel: Carolyn Smith shared that her committee met on June 25th. A trip to a theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was planned for December 14th to view "Winter Wonderland" performance. The trip will include lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. The Gunther's bus will leave from the church on Benfield Road. The cost for the trip is \$113 and will be advertised in The Informer newsletter in August.

MRSPA Update: Presidents will meet in July. Board of Directors will meet in the middle of August in a hybrid meeting. Zoom meetings have been successful. The Zoom statewide membership meeting was well attended. They are hoping to do a follow-up meeting soon.

Old Business: The Executive Board is working to improve AARSPA relationship with AACPS HR. Discussion was held with some suggestions made:

- Invite Superintendent and Board Members to luncheon meeting
- Have meeting with Superintendent and Executive Board
- Provide information of our contributions to the school system

- What can we do for them? What can they do for us?
- Inform school board of our contributions to the school system

New Business: No New Business

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zetta Hart

Dates to Remember	
Thursday, August 12, 2021, 4-9 p.m. Call for carry-out orders by 2:00 p.m.	Scholarship Fundraiser at Garry's Grill, 541 Baltimore and Annapolis BLVD, Severna Park, MD
Wednesday, September 8, 2021	General Membership Meeting, Kurtz Beach, 2070 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena, MD
Thursday, October 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting, AACPS Center 2A
Sunday, October 17, 2021	Alzheimer Walk Fundraiser
Thursday, November 11, 2021, 9:30 Registration Meeting starts at 10:00	General Membership Meeting Renditions Golf Course
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Trip to American Music Theater, "Winter Wonderland"