

ANNE ARUNDEL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

June 8, 2017

The Free School

Attendance: Barry Fader, Millie Gardner, Rosemary Biggart, Karlie Everett, Deborah Ahalt, Bob Kanach, Rick Wiles, Anthony (Tony) Anzalone, Tillie Barckley, Carol Kirby, Sandra Edmonds, Bonnie Schmeltz, John Hammond, Dixie Stack, Lucy Travers, Virginia Crespo, Charlie Gable, Carla Duls, and Sharyn Doyle

Call to Order: President Barry Fader called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Pledge to the Flag: Charlie led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Sharyn thanked everyone who responded to her email asking for their feedback on the draft of the minutes. One correction was made. The word "shard" was corrected to "shared". Rick made a motion to accept the minutes and Lucy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rosemary Biggart reviewed the Treasurer's Report and reported that our total budget was better now than in May and ahead of last year at this same time. Carol gave her a check for Membership Dues and it will be deposited. Several items were discussed and agreed upon.

Voices in Melody will receive an extra \$100. to help cover cost of new music and supplies. Lines 19 (Membership Directory) and Line 22 (Pre-Retirement Workshops) will remain as line items with no monies assigned since currently the BOE is covering those expenses, yet uncertainly of what future holds.

Line 37 USM Membership/Ad/Conference will be renamed USM Membership/Legislative Forum.

\$125 will be allotted to cover the cost of an Ad in the Hall of Fame booklet for The Free School.

19 new members joined this year and this is our largest new membership in one year.

Excess funds will be available and several ideas such as an Emeritus member being awarded a free trip or a free General Membership Luncheon meeting.

Virginia motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sharyn seconded it. A vote was taken and the Report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AARSPA Chorus "Voices in Melody"– Rick reported that the chorus completed their 8 Spring Concert Series and \$800 in donations was collected. Several Board members thanked the group and complimented them on the Memorial Service and the entertainment at our May General Membership Meeting Luncheon. He also thanked the Board for the extra funding for the purchase of new folders, wireless microphone, music sheets, etc.

Corresponding Secretary- Brenda was absent and there was no report at this time.

Recording Secretary: No report at this time

Community Service/Education Committee: Karlie updated the Board on Phyllis' recovery from knee surgery. She complimented everyone and thanked them for their generosity with books collected each General Meeting. Debbie is preparing our team for the Alzheimer's Walk in October and Tony shared a special event coming for the Homeless. We will hear more as the dates near. We also welcome nominees for the Hall of Fame.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony reported that the selection committee was recognized for their efforts and for the diversity of educators that have been selected. If possible, candidates are selected based on the current theme at that time, e.g. National Cafeteria Week was recently celebrated and honorees came from Food Services.

Free School: Karlie reported that since the MD Historic Trust representative came out to visit and inspect the building and surrounding grounds, there is additional documentation that must now be kept...such as the guest book. Bob also reported that the new roof will be put out to bid and supervised through the Board and at this time it is uncertain if the funding for the roof replacement will come from the BOE or the Gunson Fund. After this meeting, the dedication of the Artifacts Display Cases is scheduled and Greg and other Board members have been invited to attend.

Rick also reported that he has shared brochures about The Free School when the chorus presents at various locations. In fact, South County Senior Center has now scheduled a tour. More ideas are sought for increasing attendance and awareness of The Free School. A recent article in Outlook Magazine was shared with the Board.

Going Green: Slow progress continues and there will be an article in the next newsletter reminding members about the electronic newsletter vs the printed version and asking their preference so the mailing list can be reduced in size and cost.

Archivist/Historian & Editor of the AARSPA Informer: Carla reported she is compiling the 5 year History Supplement (2015-2020) and appreciates everyone sending her any articles about their committee that can be included. The history is written thru May 2017 and committee reports are needed along with any AARSPA activity, so credit can be given for the many activities we do associated with AARSPA, even if not sponsored by AARSPA. The Archive notebooks for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 were passed around the room for Board members to review.

Legislative Committee: Virginia reported on several legislative updates including the veto on the Paid Sick Leave bill which will be dealt with again at the next session. The Prescription bill passed so now our Attorney General can investigate reasons for the high cost of certain medications. There are many more bills to watch next session and she will keep us posted.

Membership Chairperson: Carol reported we have 1830 paying members with 39 additional Emeritus members. There were 250 new retirees this year and 19 joined AARSPA to date and 14 of the 19 also joining MRSPA.

Pre-Retirement Committee- John Salwach was absent.... Barry has asked for more time at the Pre-Retirement meetings to discuss AARPSA.

Program Committee: Charlie reported that his committee needs to meet this summer and for our September meeting, Susan Baugher will be attending to discuss health care changes.

Justin with the Homeless program will also be invited to discuss the special fall fundraiser. Bob reported recommended that we carefully monitor the Board's deficit in health care expenses and the possible implications to the retirees' co-pay. He also reported that additional linen expenses are adding to our luncheon costs and an increase in price may be necessary. The Executive Board decided to keep the luncheon cost at \$32 per person for the 2017-2018 year.

Publicity Committee: Debbie reported articles for the Capital are always welcomed. She is enrolled in several webinars on Facebook and she will be setting up our Facebook page in the near future. Deadline for the Informer is August 1st.

Raffle Committee: Sandy thanked everyone and shared her enjoyment with this position.

Remembrance & Sunshine Committee- Millie thanked everyone for their reporting deaths, birthdays, illnesses, anniversary, and Emeritus status awareness.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie reported as of May 18, 2017 \$2115 were donated to 21st Century and \$1633 to AARSPA Scholarship Funds. Funds donated in honor of a member's death are acknowledged with a special thank you card.

Trips & Travel Committee: Lucy reported our next trip to New York in October 3rd for the 9-11 Memorial at a cost of \$100 with a cutoff date of September 12th. Our Christmas trip will be to Winterthur with lunch at the Hotel Dupont on December 12th. In March 2018 will be the Florida trip and the dates TBD. In mid-May 2018, we will have a "Following Harriet Tubman" trip.

New and Old Business

Old Business: No additional items

New Business: Barry distributed the 2017-2018 calendar and Bob reported every date in black ink was a definite. Dates in red ink are tentative.

Adjournment -Motions were made and vote taken with a unanimous vote to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Everyone was invited to remain for the Dedication of the Artifacts Displays.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn Doyle
Recording Secretary