

## AARSPA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Free School 10:00 AM

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Bob Kanach, Mille Gardner, Karlie Everett, Susan Baugher, Max Muller, Gail Matthews, Phyllis Cherry, Deb Ahalt, Dixie Stack, Marge Smith, Tony Anzalone, Brenda Gibson, Sandra Edmonds, Sharyn Doyle, and Zetta Hart

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Co-President Deb Ahalt, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

### **Recording Secretary**

The minutes from our April 4, 2023, meeting was referenced with no corrections. Millie Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes and Marge Smith seconded it. The group voted unanimously to accept the minutes as published. They will be sent for publication on our website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Max Muller reported that we are one month from the closing of our current budget. There are 64 new members. Our scholarship funds are strong which includes our 50/50 Raffle. There will be \$11,053.61 carried over for next year's scholarships. It was decided to table the discussion of the number of scholarships until December. The Free School has a positive balance. The Gunson Fund for April was shared, but Mr. Muller is still waiting on the May report. There was a motion made by Dixie Stack to get a Review of the Budget for taxes rather than an audit. The motion was seconded by Rick Wiles. This motion was approved. A motion was made by Sharyn Doyle to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Tony Anzalone. The group approved the report.

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Brenda Gibson provided a handout of her current correspondences. Ms. Gibson shared that she sent correspondence to the Maryland Principal of the Year, Educational Support Professional of the Year, Teacher of the Year, STEM Educator of the Year, Washington Post Teacher of the Year, and the Independent Schools Teacher of the Year. She requested that any correspondence needs should be sent to her through email.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported the four spring concerts were held and were successful. A concert was added for children's songs at a local church. The group has not received any donations from their concerts this year.

#### **By-Laws Committee**

Dixie Stack shared that the approved new Bylaws are being printed. They will be ready for our next General Meeting.

#### **Community Service**

Phyllis Cherry reported that she was overwhelmed by the contributions of our membership for the assisted living project. 882 items were contributed. AARSPA will participate in the Alzheimer's walk, Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, and school supplies in the fall. Ms. Cherry will check to see what is most needed by schools. Schools will be selected later. Tony Anzalone would like The Light House Shelter added to list of organizations receiving toiletries. This will be discussed at the committee meeting on June 29, 2023

#### **Consumer Education Committee**

Phyllis Cherry shared that MRSPA is focusing on scams. They would like to have an FBI agent to do a webinar on scams. Maryland Travel guides have been requested and will be distributed at our next luncheon. Ms. Cherry is also trying to get information cards from AAA explaining information that should be collected during and accident when driving.

### **Educator/Employee of the Month Committee**

Tony Anzalone provided a list of names of the winners of the Educator and Employee of the month for 2022-2023. There will not be a selection in September and June because September is too close to the opening of school and June meetings are evening meetings. Next year selections will be made from October to May.

### **Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee**

Karlie Everette shared information about visitors to the Free School recently, some new and some returning. Don Bailey has been representing The Free School at the Chesapeake Crossroads through Zoom meetings. Chesapeake Crossroads offers grants from which we might benefit. Ms. Everett is preparing a statement to explain the changes in education for this school. She is also offering the facility for meetings. New docents are getting into costume and role for the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration next year. Refreshments are being planned, books and brochures for officials attending, and proclamations for the facility are being acquired. A large committee is working to make this a success and Ms. Everette's daughter who is an event planner is assisting.

### **Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee**

Reminder for all Committee Chairperson to submit their yearly reports to Carla Duls by the end of July, 2023.

### **Legislative Committee**

No Report

### **Membership Committee**

Marge Smith and Deb Ahalt gave the report. Membership continues to be a work in progress. Pre-retirement contact is still a topic that needs to be addressed through meetings and mailings. It was suggested that County Libraries have meeting rooms that might be used for meet and greets.

### **Nominating Committee**

No report

### **Pre-retirement Committee**

No Report. Working on getting new retiree information.

### **Program Committee**

Dixie Stack requested help identifying speakers for our business meetings. She would like a committee to assist with this. Tony Anzalone, Rick Wiles, and Sharyn Doyle volunteered to assist. A meeting was planned for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Publicity Committee**

No Report

### **Raffle Committee**

No Report

### **Sunshine/Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner reported that Linda Poole was responsible for sympathy cards and reported passing of members. → Diane Rogers will continue to send get well wishes. Millie will be responsible for anniversaries and Emeritus members. Millie Gardner strives to give accurate information to The Informer.

### **Scholarship Committee**

Tillie Barckley shared thank you messages received from the scholarship winners as well as Scholarship for Scholars group. The committee received \$2,400 in donations this fiscal year. A reminder was given for the fund raiser at Killarney House on June 13. Garry's Grill has been scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-9 PM. They are not providing a special menu, but will allow 20% of receipts placed in a basket at the restaurant. This information needs to be distributed.



**Trips and Travel Committee**

Gail Mathews shared that we have three trips scheduled, C&O Canal, Jukebox Live, and a holiday music trip. Two are sold out. Information about the December 8<sup>th</sup> trip will be in the next Informer. Plans are being made for a Blue Angels trip next year.

**MRSPA Update**

No Report

**Old Business**

Plans are still being made for our General Meetings and Luncheons. This has become a tough job for one person to handle. The group made some suggestions. We may need to pick one location and have all meetings there. The cost has been the issue in many locations.

**New Business**

Our next Executive meeting will be held at the MRSPA Office in Odenton on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that we need to keep visibility at the Board of Education.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Bob Kanach and seconded by Susan Baugher. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

**Dates to Remember**

- July 13, 2023                      C & D Canal Trip, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
- July 20, 2023                      MRSPA Executive Board Meeting, MRSPA Office Meeting Room
- September 14, 2023              General Membership and Luncheon Meeting, Kurtz’s Beach, 10:30 AM
- October 4, 2023                    Magic and Wonder Theater, “Jukebox Live,” Paradise, PA 10:00 AM-7:00 PM
- October 12, 2023                  Executive Board Meeting, Location TBD, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- November 9, 2023                General Membership and Luncheon Meeting, Renditions, 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Zetta Hart  
Recording Secretary