

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association

Executive Board Meeting

This meeting will be conducted via ZOOM on October 8, 2020

10:00- 12:00 p.m.

Attending: Bob Kanach, Millie Gardner, Rick Wiles, Zetta Hart, Leslie Schell, Phyllis Cherry, Carla Duls, Dixie Stack, Deb Ahalt, Wanda Twigg, Tillie Barckley, Max Muller, Charlie Gable, John Salwich, Virginia Crespo, Sandra Edmonds

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Pledge to the Flag: The Pledge as it appears in the U.S. Code - "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." (Lead by Rick Wiles)

Minutes of the July 9 meeting at the Free School Museum and the July 21 edits were approved via email.

Treasurer's Report: Max reviewed the current budget. Stating there has been little activity to our accounts during the pandemic. The budget was accepted by all in attendance. Dixie Stack made the motion and Bob Kanach seconded it. Budget is attached.

Committee Reports:

AARSPA Chorus, "Voices in Melody": Rick Wiles stated that the chorus is currently not meeting but is exploring the possibility of a virtual practice.

Corresponding Secretary: No report

Recording Secretary: No report

Community Service/Consumer Education: Phyllis Cherry and Zetta Hart reported on the progress of AARSPA's Little Free Library project. Park Elementary library is installed and open to the community. Ferndale Early Learning Center library will be installed October 17, 2020, per Rick Wiles. Dixie Stack has books to add to our stockpile for replenishing the libraries as needed. Pictures appeared in the *Informer* and on Facebook for AARSPA members.

Carla Duls reported on the Virtual Food Drive. Monetary donations have been given by several donors. This will end on November 30, 2020. The Alzheimer's Walk is collecting donations. Participants have the option of walking in their communities or attending a walk at the Free School on October 18th, 1:00 p.m. Please let Carla know you will be attending the Free School walk or on your own. Bob Kanach will open the Free School for the walkers.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Anthony Anzalone reported: as of Oct 8, 2020, the Board of Education Presentations for the Educator and the Employer of the Month are still on hold. However, preliminary and brief discussions regarding resuming the activity have begun.

Free School Museum: Bob Kanach reported: the sign in front of the Free School needs repairs. He is exploring the options available for the repair. John Hammond is doing the repair work. AARSPA will pay for the repairs. Bob is also working on the grounds surrounding the school.

Historian and Editor of the *Informer*: Reports given by Carla Duls: No News for the Historian. The next *Informer* deadline is January 4, 2021. Carla Duls would like some human-interest stories to post.

Legislative: Report was given by Virginia Crespo: There are obvious budget issues in the state. The \$10 million grant from the Federal Government was distributed in thirds to non-public schools, higher education, and K-12 public schools for opening of schools. AARSPA and MRSPA will continue letter writing and virtual meetings. The January workshop may occur, but still waiting to hear.

Membership: Leslie Schell reported: Membership – October Meeting
AARSPA

- Local Renewals: 169 persons of 180 = down 11 members
- New Membership: helps to pickup the loss of those not renewing
- 2020 Retirees: 178 names provided from the BOE that said yes to contact from gain of 23 members – some LOCAL, some BOTH

MRSPA

- Dues Dedicated Members: 1000 (those whose membership is taken directly from paycheck)
- Cash Members: 421 paid to date
- Unpaid members: 73
- Emeritus Members: 43
- Total Members to Date: 1463
- Cancellations: Anyone with an 11/4/2019 was cancelled due to non-payment, other dates designated member requests for cancellation

Generalizations

- Recruitment: down across the board – locals and state
- MRSPA: looking into partnering with AMBA to assist with additional strategies to Recruit, Retain, Regain members
- Possible use of plastic membership card that has no expiration date (until personal withdraw or death)
- Letters to MRSPA members sent from us letting members know we are aware of their non-renewal, if do not want to be state member, consider remaining active in local (included renewal form)
- New member letters have been sent which describe our activities
- Presently Marge and I are working our way through the database to address any discrepancies with MRSPA (means email, phone calls, communication with state)
- Follow-up on any returned postal mail and/or emails from CC (working with Bob)
- Did a regional review of Eastern Shore vs Western Maryland members – there is validity to discuss having an annual gathering on the Eastern Shore
- Directory will not be ready for printing/distribution until 2021

Thanks

- Carol Kirby who did this job single handedly for year, recognition in Nov luncheon.
- To Bob Kanach for all the email conversations and meeting at MRSPA to pick up stuff from me
- To Marge Smith who is my technical backup and comes to my house where we work on the porch to keep this process going with the database

Pre-retirement: John Salwich reports: there are no updates and is on hold for information.

Program: Charlie Gable and Dixie Stack reports: No entertainment will be provided at our meetings in 2021.

November's Meeting will be Teacher of the Year

February's Meeting will be Black History Month

May's Meeting is the Remembrance Ceremony

Publicity: Deb Ahalt reports: She continues to publicize our news on Facebook. It is helpful when others reshare her posts. The local newspapers do not seem interested in publishing our events. Deb is looking for other ways to publicize our group.

Raffle: No report

Remembrance and Sunshine: Millie Gardner reports: There were 74 deaths prior to May 1, 2020. The committee is planning the Remembrance Service. They may record it, but are still considering options. The service will include 1 prayer, 1 song, and 1 poem. The flowers will be placed by one person this year.

Scholarship: Tillie Barckley reports: The Killarney Pub fundraiser will be carryout on October 14, 2020. Contact the restaurant for the menu and ordering. Donations are coming in for the scholarships, but very slowly. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to Bob Kanach.

Trips and Travel: Bob Kanach reports: Our deposit with Gunther buses is being held for now. The company is in financially strapped and will refund it when travel and trips increases in the future. It was suggested that AARSPA let them credit our account for the future.

Old Business: No reports

New Business:

- November 12, 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Memorial Service

Executive Board Member Items: At this time 8 people have registered and up to 25 would be preferred. There will be temperature checks before entering, masks must be worn when not eating, masks/face shields will be available for those who need one.

Dates to Remember:

- Th., Oct. 22, 2020 Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon @ Michael's Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD (Tentative) **Reschedule for April, 2021 see below**
- Th., Nov. 12, 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Memorial Service – Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville, MD 9:45am registration & meeting 10:30am
- Wed. Dec. 9, 2020 “Elf” The Musical at Toby’s Dinner Theatre, Columbia, MD. **Cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- Th., Jan. 14, 2021 Executive Board Meeting – AACPS Board of Education in Center 2A @ 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Tu., Jan. 26, 2021 MRSPA Legislative Workshop will be held in January. Snow date Wed. Feb. 3, 2021 Miller Senate Office Building
- Th., Feb. 11, 2021 General membership meeting and luncheon – Blue Dolphin Restaurant, 1166 (Snow date 2/18/21) Rt. 3, South, Gambrills, MD 21054 9:45am registration, & 10:30am meeting
- Wed., Mar. 17, 2021 MRSPA Local Presidents’ Meeting
- Wed., Apr. 7, 2021 Executive Board Meeting – AACPS Board of Education in Center 2A @ 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Th., April 15, 2021 The Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon at Michael’s Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie, MD
- Wed., May 12, 2021 MRSPA annual Business Meeting at by Martins Camelot in Upper Marlboro, MD
- Th., May 13, 2021 Business Meeting and Luncheon - Two Rivers Restaurant @ Lake Shore Plaza off Mountain Road: registration, 9:45am and meeting at 10:30am
- Th., June 10, 2021 Executive Board Meeting – The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD @ 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Th., July 8, 2021 Executive Board Meeting – AACPS Board of Education in Center 2A @ 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Th. May 13, 2021 Business Meeting/Luncheon – Location to be determined

Adjournment: 11:41

John Salwich made the motion and Charlie Gable seconded it.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Zetta Hart

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	INCOME	budget	prior activity	new activity	balance
1	Membership Projection NNNN	1750	156	1,388	(206)
2	Dues - General (\$9.00xNNNN)	\$ 15,750.00		\$ 12,492.00	\$ (3,258.00)
3	Scholarship (\$5.00xNNNN)	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 6,940.00	\$ (1,030.00)
4	Free School (\$1.00xNNNN)	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 1,388.00	\$ (206.00)
5	Dues - Total (\$15.00 x NNN)	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 20,820.00	\$ (4,494.00)
6	MRSPA - Legislative lunch	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
7	50/50 Drawings	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
8	Scholarship Contributions FY 2020	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 645.00	\$ (1,355.00)
8a	21st Century Scholarship Contributions	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 530.00	\$ (1,470.00)
8b	Excess Scholarship Cont - FY 2019	\$ 1,648.50			\$ (1,648.50)
9	Interest	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 4.29	\$ (45.71)
10	Voices in Melody donations	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (550.00)
11	Miscellaneous/Community Service	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
12	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 32,898.50	\$ 936.00	\$ 21,999.29	\$ (9,963.21)
	EXPENDITURES	budget	prior activity	new activity	balance
13	Officers' Expenses - President	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
14	Past President/President Elect	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
15	Program	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
16	Preservation/Records	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
17	Community Service	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
18	Legislative Committee	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
19	Membership Directory	\$ 475.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475.00
20	Hospitality/ Centerpieces	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
21	Remembrance / Gift Cards	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
22	Pre-Retirement Workshops/social(s)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
23	Pre-Retirement Reception	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
24	Public Relations-Central Office	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00
25	Newsletter & Directory Printing	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 854.26	\$ 3,545.74
26	Postage	\$ 3,125.00	\$ -	\$ 55.00	\$ 3,070.00
27	Photography	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
28	Senior Citizens Hall of Fame	\$ 725.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 600.00
29	MRSPA Endowment Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
30	Voices in Melody	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
31	Bonds & Legal Fees	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
32	Scholarships (@ \$4,000)	\$ 12,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,850.00
32a	Scholarship funds carried from 2019	\$ 1,648.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,393.00
33	President's Award Cup	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
34	Free School	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00
35	Web site renewal/Constant Contact	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00
36	Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
37	USM Membership/ Ad/Leg, Forum	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00
38	Archives	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
39	Auditor Fee	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ -
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 32,898.50	\$ -	\$ 1,834.26	\$ 31,064.24