

AARSPA
Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon
Minutes Two Rivers Steak and Fish House
September 8, 2016

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 10:32 by Barry Fader, President, who presented the agenda for the day.

Pledge of Allegiance: pledge to flag done by Charlie Gable

Overview of Activities: Barry Fader presents a short overview of the day's activities

Special introductions were done by Barry Fader:

Guests included Shachar Wiseman, New Executive Director of MRSPA; Fay Miller, President of MRSPA; Susan Baugher, Benefits Manager, AACPS; Marc Change, Maryland House of Representatives; and Pam Beidle, Maryland House of Representatives

Emeritus members included Mary Ella Dorr, Frances Middleton and Herb Sappington
First timer included Joan Daugard

Hall of Fame nominees included Tillie Barckley and Larry Day

Installation of Officers: Ceremony was led by Shachar Wiseman, Executive Director of MRSPA

Approval of the Minutes from the May 12th General Membership Meeting at

Renditions: Minutes were reviewed. Lucy Travers made the motion to accept the minutes.

Monica DeLucia, seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Proposed Budget for 2016-2017: Rosemary Biggart presented budget update. Update

at AARSPA's 75th anniversary year at the School Board meeting on March 3rd at 10:00AM

Free School Committee: there will be open house held on the second Saturdays and second Sundays in April, May and June. The date for the grounds cleanup is March 23rd. Email Bob Kanach or Karlie Everett for further details.

Going Green: Mr. Fader discusses the importance of accessing the newsletter on line. Please update email addresses. Cost containment and efficiency is needed.

Historian and AARSPA Informer: Carla Duls thanks Carol Kirby and her husband for labelling and mailing the newsletter. She asks that members submit "spotlight" articles that highlight classroom experiences. Copies of the organization's history are available.

Legislation: no report

Membership committee: No report

Pre-Retirement Committee: next pre-retirement meeting on 4/16/16 at Annapolis H.S.

Program Committee: Mr. Gable reviewed the upcoming calendar of events that are attached to agenda.

Publicity Committee: Chairperson Position filled today – Debbie Aholt

Raffle Committee: raffle tickets are available for the 50/50 drawing. Contributions today = \$93.50 toward scholarship.

Remembrance Committee: Memorial service will be at final general membership meeting of the year May 12th at Renditions Golf Course in Davidsonville. Reminder – please inform committee of any situations that may require acknowledgement.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie Barckley shares that the scholarship is devoted to providing support to young aspiring students who choose to enter the education field. She shares the "Heart of a Devoted Teacher." Contributions can be through cash donations or by a check to the 21st Century Educational Foundation. Total donations from luncheon = \$528.00 + \$93.50 (raffle)= \$621.50 Scholarship Collection.

Trips and Travel Committee: Lou Kamm is presently ill and unable to attend today. Final arrangements for annual trip to Florida are set. Upcoming trip on May 18th aboard the Watermark Cruises to view the Chesapeake Light houses is discussed. There will be two bus pick up stops. Please check the "Informer" for more details.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablonski shared that there will be a House of Delegates luncheon on February 25th from 11-1 in room 218 in House Office Building. This is an opportunity to share ideas and concerns with elected officials. It was a successful event last year.

New Business: There has been a bylaw clarification AARSPA can be considered a 501C-4 organization, i.e. a social association. Further discussion/clarification will take place at the next general membership meeting and a vote will be taken to change language.

Guest Speaker: Faye Morrow, Office of Volunteerism. AACVC is a connector organization. It provides information on agencies where individuals can share their skills and passions with others. What skills and/or passions are you exploring in retirement? AACVC can connect you to the right agency. Information is pushed out through the website.

AACVC collaborates with RSVP and Partners in Care to match volunteer opportunities for volunteers over 55. There are connections to schools through school partnerships such as Conflict Resolution Center and Seeds 4 Success.

April is National Volunteer Month. Throughout the year there is a spotlight on the military and their families. November is considered the "Month of Gratitude." During that month there is a story each day on social media covering the role of a volunteer in someone's life.

Dates to remember: upcoming meetings and events found on last page of luncheon agenda and in the "Informer."