

AARSPA
Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Minutes
Blue Dolphin
February 9, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Barry Fader, President.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge to flag was led by Charlie Gable

Greetings and Special Introductions: Barry Fader welcomed the following:

- Guests included: Max Muller, Past President of MRSPA and AARSPA and Janet Williams, Area II Director of MRSPA. Nancy Carr, spokesperson for AARP had not arrived yet.
- Emeritus members included Mary Etta Dorr, Frances Middleton, Herb Sappington, Ethel Bohle, Jeanne Hartge and 1st timer Emeritus member Jean Trott
- First time member Beth Tipton

Hosts for the Day: Blue Dolphin Restaurant staff

Special Announcements: Announcements were made concerning raffle tickets, lavatory facilities, photos to be taken, and Informer articles needed by April 4th

Appreciation was expressed for John Hammond who produced a slide show of this year's events that was currently playing and appreciation for all of the members who helped Carol Kirby with the recent newsletter mailings.

Overview of Activities: Barry Fader presented a short overview of the upcoming committee reports.

Treasurer's Report: Rosemary Biggart presented the budget update. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as presented. Vote was taken and the report was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes from the November 16th meeting General Membership Meeting at CAT-North: Sharyn Doyle presented the minutes. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Vote was taken and the minutes were unanimously approved.

President Fader discussed the upcoming MRSPA Annual Business Meeting at Turf Valley and 20 of our delegates will be attending. Any member of AARSPA and MRSPA who would like to attend were welcomed to contact President Fader.

Committee Reports:

Green Going: Bob Kanach discussed the transition of using email versus US Mail for newsletters and other correspondence.

Legislation Committee: Virginia Crespo, chairperson, was represented by Charlie Gable. Topics included the recent and successful USM Legislative Forum and several bills under consideration dealing with a calling system for homebound seniors, paid sick leave, income tax credit for Long Term Care policy holders, transparency needed for prescription drug companies, pension system changes, and end of life self-administered medication. Members were also invited to attend the Feb. 16th AARSPA sponsored Delegate luncheon.

Community Service Committee: Phyllis Cherry highlighted a few of the articles from the Johns Hopkins Health Review books that were on placed on each table. Members were also thanked for their past and current donations and reminded about the next donation of books. President Fader thanked everyone also and reminded members about nominations needed for the Senior Hall of Fame. Every AARSPA member in attendance who were also honored in the Senior Hall of Fame were asked to stand with special recognition for Tillie Barckley who was also awarded the prestigious GERI award, acknowledging the exemplary contribution she has made to society.

Free School: Karlie Everett presented information about the Free School that was established in 1723 and was free of ignorance and religious persecution. The school is open for visitors the second Saturday and Sunday of months May-August from 1-4 p.m. Docents are needed and thanks were extended to several volunteers in the audience. Artifacts from the recent archaeological dig are exhibited and volunteers are needed for clean-up on March 22.

Membership: President Fader and Bob Kanach spoke about the needs for members and committee members. We lost 60 members this past year alone due to death and more are needed.

Nominations Committee: Charlie Gable, Past President and Nominations Chairperson, reviewed the open positions, stressing the need for a President and President Elect.

Photographer: John Hammond asked Emeritus members to please come together for a photo. President Fader also shared that members who attend the Florida trip will receive a special 5 by 7 framed photo from the trip.

Publicity Chairperson: Carla Duls introduced the concept of a Facebook page for AARSPA and privacy concerns would be addressed.

Remembrance/Sunshine Committee: Millie Gardner thanked members for informing the committee members about illnesses, deaths and birthdays. She also reminded birthday members for January, February and March to fill out an entry for one of several special prizes.

Scholarship Committee: Tillie Barckley, Chairperson, thanked members again for their generosity and led her cheer for the word V...A...L...U...E...D. Donations were also encouraged to be placed in the blue envelope on each table. Checks can be made to 21st Century Foundation Inc. or AARSPA, and cash is accepted.

Special Sharing of Information: Joanne Christofel was absent due to a sudden illness of her son who has been taken to the hospital.

Trips and Travel Committee: Lucy Travers, Chairperson, reviewed the recent and upcoming trips.

Voices in Melody: Rick Wiles recruited for new members. Practices are normally held on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 4 p.m. with the first practice on Feb. 21st. Schedule for the spring was in the packet distributed.

Lunch was served. The Doug Hart Combo entertainment arrived, was introduced and began while we waited for our guest speaker.

During lunch, 50/50 raffle ticket winner, birthday prize winners and \$826 for scholarship collection results were announced.

Special Guest: Janet Williams spoke to the members about MRSPA, the upcoming annual meeting and the legislative support needed. Nancy Carr from AARP never came.

Looking Back and Considering New Opportunities: President Fader referred members to the *Looking Back and Consider New Opportunities/Directions for AARSPA* survey results from the last membership meeting and indicated the Executive Board will be reviewing the results and presenting an update at our next meeting.

Announcements and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.