

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014 10:00 AM BOE: Center 3

Attendance: Charlie Gable, Carla Duls, Tony Anzalone, Susie Jablinske, Virginia Crespo, Sandra L. Edmonds, Ione Williams, Tillie Barckley, Joel Drapalski, Bob Kanach, Phyllis Cherry, Millie Zipay, Karlie Everett, Carol Kirby, Alicia Hardisky, John Hammond, Mary Wagner

Call to Order: President Charlie Gable thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Pledge to the Flag: Bob Kanach led the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 15, 2013 Executive Board meeting were presented, approved and filed.

Treasurer's Report: Alicia Hardisky presented the treasurer's report as of January 9, 2014. The report was approved and will be used as a part of our financial review.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

Archives/History Carla Duls reported that we are in our 4th year of organizing records for AARSPA History. All committee chairpersons will be asked to submit their yearly reports in June, 2014 for our archives

Chorus – There was a lot of positive reactions to the holiday programs. Special thanks to Judy Englemeyer and Joyce Nellenback who have been leading the chorus while Tom Neuenschwander has been recovering from his surgery. The chorus presented concerts at seven locations during the month of December. Nineteen members of the Chorus performed at the Pascal Center which was attended by Charlie Gable. The Chorus will be asked to sing at our May, 2014 meeting at Renditions.

Community Service: Bob Kanach suggested that we support the "Harvest for the Hungry" Program through donations and canned goods collection at our November, 2014 luncheon and general membership meeting.

Constitution (By-Laws)

Charlie Gable presented the proposed Bylaw changes to the general membership at the November 14th Luncheon. The Bylaw changes will be voted upon by those members present at our February, 2014 luncheon.

Consumer Education: Phyllis Cherry reported her continued efforts to include information of interest in the Informer newsletter.

Educator/Employee of the Month: No report

Free School Maintenance: There has been little damage to the building as a result of the roof leaks. We are still determining whether we should repair or replace the roof. A house cleaning day will soon be scheduled.

Tours and Visitations: Karlie Everett shared an article written about the Free School that was published in the "Arundel Voice" on November 7, 2013. She also shared information regarding visitations to the Free School during the past year. There will be an open house during the second weekend of each month April through August 2014. AARSPA members will have the opportunity to visit the Free School following the February Luncheon. The Board approved the request of conducting a Paranormal investigation at the Free School.

Hospitality No Report

Legislative: Virginia Crespo reminded Board members that the AARSPA Legislative Luncheon will be held on March 5, 2014 at the Lowe House Office Building from 11am to 1pm – members are encouraged to come. Virginia and Bob Kanach attended the MRSPA Legislative Workshop on November 14th, 2013. There is a concern that the governor is recommending that the Legislature not fund all of the money promised to the pension system in order to balance the budget.

Membership Carol Kirby reports that our membership remains around 1,900. She has chaired this committee since 2005 and would welcome some assistance.

Newsletter (The Informer) Carla Duls reports that issue #4 will be mailed this week.

Monday, 2/10 is the deadline for the next Informer, and 4/1 is the deadline for the final newsletter of the year.

Nominating: No report

Pre Retirement Joel Drapalski reports that the responses have suggested that the program incorporate more visuals like power points. This is being looked at. Evaluations indicate that there is 93.3-98% satisfaction rate of the program. Currently they are looking at April 5, 2014 as the tentative date for the spring program to be held at either Severna Park or Old Mill High School

Program Committee: Members met on 11/7 to plan identify guest speakers and entertainment for future luncheons. The luncheon on 11/14 was well attended and well received. The speaker for the February Luncheon is Tyme Gigliotti- "How to deal with the Winter Blahs". The Crabtowne Combo will provide musical entertainment.

Public Relations (Website): Bob Kanach reports that they are still working on organizing the archives materials.

Remembrance: Millie Zipay updated information regarding members who passed away, special events and those who are ill.

Scholarship Tillie Barckley reported that she has received responses from two of the students that were given scholarships in 2013- -she had contacted them regarding how their studies were going. She reported that we have received donations of \$1573.00 to the scholarship fund thus far this year. She also announced that Scholarships for Scholars would be training committee members on how to access the scholarship applications on-line.

Travel and Trips- Meets today

United Seniors of Maryland- The Legislative Forum is scheduled for January 21, 2014 at St. John's College from 8am-2pm. Cost to attend is \$15.00.

MRSPA News/Updates: MRSPA held it's Forward Thinking Planning Retreat on 12/9-11th. Bob Kanach as well as other AARSPA members who are serving as officers of

MRSPA participated. A 5-10 year plan is being crafted related to membership, technology and involvement.

MRSPA membership initiative- A cash prize of \$100.00 will be awarded to a member at the May business meeting for recruiting a new member between the dates of October 1 and May 1. A MSRPSA event is being planned for May 5-7 at the Double Tree Hotel in Annapolis. On May 6, 2014 MRSPA will hold its Annual Business Meeting at the Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis from 8:30am until 2pm.

New Business:

1. It was unanimously determined to be appropriate for the President to use part of his budget to help defray the cost of travelling to Florida
2. Cautionary issue as of 1/1/14 the new Care Mark website is requiring verification of current insurance. Members must present their new card dated 1/1/14 during office visits and when ordering prescriptions.
3. Virginia Crespo shared information regarding the financial woes of The Chase Lloyd House which became a retirement home for women. It was mentioned that Frances Middleton, an Emeritus Member, volunteers there. She moved that we make a contribution of \$100.00 in her name from AARSPA. She always helps with the registration for our luncheons. The Executive Board voted to do so.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – USM Legislative Forum – St John’s College

Thursday, February 6, 2014 – General Membership Meeting/Luncheon at

Blue Dolphin - 10:30 AM (Snow Date – February 13, 2014)

Florida Get together in Venice March 12 and 13.

Thursday April 10, 2014- Executive Board Meeting at the BOE in Center 3 at 10:am

Respectfully Submitted, Mary E. Wagner

