

AARSPA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 9, 2022
The Free School

Attending: Tillie Barckley, Rick Wiles, Millie Gardner, Charles Gable, Dixie Stack, Deb Ahalt, Marge Smith, Sharyn Doyle, Anthony Anzalone, Karlie Everett, Carolyn Smith, Zetta Hart, Leslie Schell, Linda Poole

Deb Ahalt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

Recording Secretary

No formal report as secretary was late attending this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

No formal report. Deb Ahalt shared a few comments regarding expenditures that Bob Kanach provided

Corresponding Secretary

Brenda Gibson sent a message that she had sent congratulations to teachers identified as "Teacher of the Year."

Committee Reports

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus now consists of 31 members. They continue to look for a new director. Judy Engelmeyer has continued to direct the chorus. The chorus did four Spring Concerts. They received a donation of \$150 from the Pascal Center. They held a summer party at Rick Wiles home. They are hoping to perform six concerts for the holidays. They will resume rehearsals the second week of September.

By-Laws Committee

Dixie Stack suggested that the By-Laws Committee must meet to review the documents following the Executive Board meeting on July 14, 2022.

Community Service

Phyllis Cherry was not in attendance and a formal report was not given. Judy Engelmeyer will be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on October 20, 2022. AARSPA budgeted funds for one table for this induction event. There was some discussion regarding the purchase of an ad for the program. Karlie Everett mentioned our past ad shared information about The Free School.

Consumer Education Committee

No report

Educator/Employee of the Month Committee

Anthony Anzalone shared a prepared list of educators and employees of AACPS who received recognition for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Anzalone has led this committee since the 2007-2008 school year. He was disappointed that the Board Members did not recognize the work of his committee for this school year.

Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee

The Board of Education will remove the tree that fell on the Free School property. Karlie Everett shared that there will be Open House events the second Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. during June, July,

and August. Ms. Everett shared that she has lost half of her docents. One new person has shown an interest in becoming a docent. Docent materials have been updated by Ms. Everett. She has been in touch with the resource teachers for secondary schools. We will be celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Free School on October 26, 2023. Ms. Everett is looking for volunteers to help plan the celebration.

Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee

Carla Duls sent an email message stating that the deadline for our August 2022 newsletter is July 25, 2022. She also requested that Committee End of Year Reports be submitted by August 1, 2022.

Legislative Committee

No report. Just a reminder that Maryland's Primary Election is being held on July 19, 2022. Early voting begins July 7, 2022. Be sure to vote!

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell and Marge Smith reported that AARSPA is the second largest local organization in MRSPA. There was a discussion about associate membership. It was asked: Are we open to school employees retiring from private schools as eligible for membership in our organization? Ms. Schell shared her frustration with Human Resources regarding the inclusion of our brochure in the packet of information provided to potential retirees. The problem she is experiencing is due to the fact that TAAAC-R does not have a comparable brochure to include. Ms. Schell has attempted to contact the TAAAC-R office to discuss this, but has yet to receive a response.

Pre-retirement Committee

It was reported that Susan Baugher is attempting to get the AARSPA brochure in the retiree packets.

Program Committee

Dixie Stack stated that she will need assistance planning some of the programs for the 2023 business meetings.

Publicity Committee

No Report

Raffle Committee

No report

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley reported that she, Deb Ahalt, and Charlie Gable attended the Scholarships for Scholars award ceremony. Deb Ahalt shared pictures of the event in the newsletter. A reminder was given that the Brian Boru fundraiser is scheduled for June 15, 2022 from Noon until 9 p.m. If you are unable to attend, a \$10 donation can be made for each meal that you would have purchased. Ms. Barckley is working with Garry's Grill in Severna Park to schedule a fundraiser for September or early October.

Sunshine/Remembrance Committee

Linda Poole sends sympathy cards and Diane Rogers sends get well cards. It is helpful when members help with identification of illnesses and deaths.

Trips and Travel Committee

Carolyn Smith reported that they are researching a train trip. The Toby's Dinner Theater is scheduled for December 7th. More information will be in the newsletter.

Old Business

Leslie Schell reported that there was a positive response to the Eastern Shore gathering. A location in Cambridge will be explored for April 2023.

New Business

The Light House has been appreciative of our donations, but they would now prefer cash donations. A farewell party is being planned for Dr. Arlotto. Details will be forthcoming.

The new Co-Presidents will begin their duties on July 1, 2022

A motion to adjourn was made and we adjourned at 1245 p.m.

Dates to Remember

- June 15, 2022 Scholarship Fundraiser at Brian Boru
- July 14, 2022 Executive Board Meeting, BOE, Center 2A, 10:00 AM
- September 15, 2022 AARSPA General Membership Meeting, Kurtz’s Beach

Respectfully submitted
Zetta Hart
With a Little Help From My Friends