## **Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**

# General Membership Meeting May 9, 2013 Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville, Maryland

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Bob Kanach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was led by Charlie Gable.

**MINUTES:** John Hammond provided copies of the minutes from the March 14,2012 meeting. The minutes were approved for filing.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bob Kanach shared the recent monthly financial reports for the Gunson Fund, Free School and AARSPA Funds. The reports were accepted and filed for audit.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Florida Luncheon:** Charlie Gable gave everyone an update on the luncheon plans for 2014. The dates will be March 12-13, 2014 and the luncheon location will be at the Venice Yacht Club. Shirley Phillips is hosting the cocktail party on the 12th and arrangements for the luncheon on the 13th. Shirley is also looking into activities in the Sarasota/Venice area that our members may enjoy such as the Orioles spring training exhibition games and other events in the area. Charlie is hoping for a large turnout and asked that everyone talk up the luncheon now that the dates are finalized.

**Newsletter:** Carla reported our next deadline is August 1, 2013. She thanked everyone for their input and encouraged articles on "School Days" topics and topics involving interactions with past students and highlights of member achievements.

**Scholarships:** Tillie Barckley thanked everyone for their continued financial generosity. Based on receipts, we awarded three \$4000 scholarships this year. The awards were made at the Scholarships for Scholarships ceremony on April 29, 2013.

**Free School:** Bob shared a new Free School Museum brochure which includes updated pictures taken by John Hammond. He recognized Carol Webber for her excellent work at the school as a docent for visiting groups. The roof is in need of repairs and will probably need to be replaced within five years. Bob is meeting with roofing contractors.

**Travel:** Bob updated the group on the upcoming Hurlock, Md. Crab Feast Cruise scheduled in September. So far 33 people have signed up and we are limited to 50 attendees.

**Birthday Gifts/ First Timer Picture:** Members with birthdays in April, May, and June were reminded to pick up their gifts from the gift table. Also, pictures of the first timers were taken for inclusion in the next newsletter. Millie Zipay shared an idea for future birthdays. Her committee intends to solicit local restaurants for donations with the intent to have a lottery and award meal gift certificates for members celebrating birthdays. The idea was supported by the membership.

**Membership:** Carol Kirby reported 48 of our members passed away this year but we are still maintaining our membership with new members at 1900+.

**MRSPA Candidates:** Two of our members are running for state office. Max Muller for President-Elect and Carla Duls for Secretary.

**Raffle/ Scholarship Funds:** The 50/50 raffle winners were Marie and Joe Diamond. They received \$71.50. Scholarship collections from the tables totaled \$285.36.

**Remembrance Service**: Nina Griffith and Millie Zipay conducted our service for departed members and our chorus, "Voices in Melody" under the leadership of Tom Neuenschwander performed many musical selections in memory of members who passed away during the past year. The memorial service agenda and brochure will be entered into the minutes for today's meeting. The memorial flowers will be transported to the front desk at the BOE for display.

#### **BUSINESS:**

Election / Installation of Officers: Carla Duls, Area II Director inducted the 2013/2014 Officers:

President - Charlie Gable Past President - Bob Kanach
Corresponding Secretary - Charlie Toth Treasurer: Alicia Hardisky

Recording Secretary - Mary Wagner Asst. Recording Secretary - John Hammond

### **Introduction of 2013 Scholarship Recipients:**

Tillie Barckley gave an historical update. AARSPA was started in 1940 and was the first local retiree organization in Maryland. This year's scholarship recipients are as follows:

Anne Galligan - St. Mary's H.S. - Attending South Carolina University.

Sarah Kraus -South River H.S. - Attending Washington College

Victoria McDermott - Southern H.S. - Attending Mt. St. Mary's College.

Anne Galligan was present for the luncheon, along with her parents. She spoke to the group to thank everyone for the scholarship and to share her desire to become an Early Childhood Education teacher. Her father also spoke to the group to thank everyone for the scholarship and to share his pride in his daughter's academic accomplishments in school.

**Guest Speaker:** Bob Kanach introduced Martha Gardner, AACPS Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013. Ms. Gardner gave a very meaningful speech on what her teaching career has meant to her and her family and the important life lessons teachers provide for children throughout their school years. She also stressed how important teacher mentors were for her during her career and specifically mentioned how much Betty Anne White helped her during her beginning years in the classroom.

**Choral Entertainment:** "Voices in Melody" Sang several songs and then requested those in attendance to join in several sing-a-longs.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: John Hammond, Recording Secretary