

AARSPA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:00 A.M.
MRSPA Conference Room

Attendees: Linda Poole, Karlie Everett, Dixie Stack, Susan Baugher, Kate Gilbert, Ray Bibeault, Rick Wiles, Kay Stawas, Millie Gardner, Leslie Schell, Marge Smith, Bob Kanach, Brenda Gibson, Max Muller, Carla Duls, Anthony Anzalone, Tillie Barckley, Zetta Hart

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Co-President Anthony Anzalone, followed by the pledge to the flag led by Rick Wiles.

Recording Secretary

Minutes from April 11, 2025, were approved with a motion from Bob Kanach with a second from Leslie Schell.

Corresponding Secretary

Brenda Gibson was unable to attend the meeting and the following is the correspondence report she emailed for the meeting.

- Mr. Hendrick and the Little Free Libraries that he has so graciously built and installed.
- SAT scores in the county: Students receiving awards honoring a past Board of Education
- Military Awards: Purple Star Schools awarded by the State Department to schools helping our military families.
- Service learning: we are 1 of 6 Golden Ribbon School districts nationally.
- AVID student scholarships monetary total

Treasurer's Report

Max Muller gave the report for our current budget. He reported that we are doing well and have financially exceeded our budget expectations. It was reported that there is \$50,000 for next year's scholarships currently in the budget. Kate Gilbert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Marge Smith.

Committee Reports

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles shared that the Voices in Melody completed six concerts and received \$450 in donations. The chorus will have a luncheon this summer on the Eastern Shore. Rehearsals will begin again in September. A request for male voices was made.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Phyllis Cherry reported that she will often share items from MRSPA with the members. She also stated that we are one of the most activity organizations in the state. AARSPA will continue to collect supplies for assisted living facilities and school supplies. The Little Library project still has one library to share. Lothian may be interested and we are considering a nursery school as an option. Mini-Grants are still being provided to Anne Arundel County individuals who apply to MRSPA and are not selected. There will be the possibility of two next fiscal year. Letters will be sent to principals to inform them of these opportunities.

Educator/Employee of the Month Committee

Anthony Anzalone shared that honorees bring families and friends to the award ceremony. This is an outreach to the communities for our organization. Mr. Anzalone also shared some of the experiences of the individuals who were selected.

Free School Museum/Maintenance Committee

Karlie Everett and Robert Kanach reported that they have met with several groups to share information about the Free School. During the recent Open House, Ms. Everett shared that she taught some math lessons. Pinch pots were also made during this Open House. It was reported that not many individuals are attending the Open House sessions. There was to be a slide show in May, but there were no guests. Mr. Kanach has had a sign made for our

champion tree in front of the school. The sign will be placed on a post with a no climbing sign. It was suggested by Mr. Anzalone to have a picture of the tree during each season of the year to post inside the school. Ms. Everett mentioned that a watercolor artist is interested in painting the tree and could possibly do a painting for each season. Print Shop is creating information cards that will be placed in card racks around the county.

Historian and Editor of the Informer Committee

Carla Duls reminded the group of the deadline for The Informer, July 21, 2025, and the committee reports are due August 1st.

Legislative Committee

No Report

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell is in the process of scheduling "Back to School" events for new retirees. There was also a pre-retirement meeting in Early May as well as May 22, 2025. The meeting at Severna Park Library was attended by several people. A meet and greet breakfast for new retirees is scheduled at the Elks Lodge in Severna Park for September 22, 2025. The new table cloth will be used at these events. Membership renewal letters were mailed.

Pre-retirement Committee

Susan Baugher reported she is working with the BOE on the retiree list. The BOE approved a letter to be sent out on May 1st. A meeting is schedule for AARSPA to meet with retirees on May 22, 2025, at the Severna Park Library. Leslie Schell will show our PowerPoint to attendees. Tony Anzalone shared that he and Phyllis Cherry met with new teachers at their start of school year orientation.

Program Committee

Dixie Stack is resigning from the Program Committee. Ray Bibeault has been in contact with the MSDE point person for the Blueprint. This may be a possible program subject.

Publicity Committee

No Report

Raffle Committee

No Report

Remembrance/Sunshine Committee

Millie Gardner stated that the Memorial Service was great and the BOE loves the flowers. She has also heard from family members of some individuals honored at the Memorial Service

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley thanked the group for the continued support of the scholarship program. She stated we are offering \$6,000 scholarships, but if in the future if funds are not available, we may go back to \$5,000 offerings. Information about the scholarships is shared with guidance counselors and will also be published in our Informer Newsletter in October.

Dining experiences:

- June: The Killarney House
- September 29th: Brian Boru

There is interest in Carrabba's and Ram's Head. Ms. Barckley will investigate the possibility.

Trips and Travel Committee

Kay Stawas stated that 33 people have register for the next trip:

September 6th (Saturday) - **The Buddy Holly Story** - Lancaster Pennsylvania

- Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre with a Buffet lunch
 - The story of the last few years of Buddy Holly's life
 - Will spotlight some of his famous songs such as
 - That'll be the Day
 - Peggy Sue
 - La Bamba
 - Oh Boy – etc.
 - Cost is \$129
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- December 4th (Thursday) - **Stone Gables Estate Holiday** - Elizabethtown, PA
 - Christmas buffet dinner
 - Special holiday show
 - Short drive to the National Christmas Center
 - Self-guided tour
 - 18,000 square feet of vintage Christmas decor
 - Replicated store fronts decked out in 1950's Christmas themes
 - Cost is \$170

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Linda Poole shared that she has return address label stickers for AARSPA with apples on them, should anyone need them.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Dates to Remember

Th., June 12, 2025	Executive Board Meeting, The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sat., September 6, 2025	The Buddy Holly Story - Lancaster Pennsylvania
Mon., September 22, 2025	Meet and Greet New Retirees, Elks Lodge, 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park, MD, 9:45 registration, meeting begins at 10:30.
Th., December 4, 2025	Stone Gables Estate Holiday - Elizabethtown, PA

Respectfully
Submitted,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary