

Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
Executive Board Meeting
Carol S. Parham Building - Center III
April 10, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Charlie Gable, Alicia Hardisky, John Hammond, Susie Jablinske, Millie Zipay, Bob Kanach, Carol Kirby, Carla Duls, Rick Wiles, Margaret Wolfe, Sandra Edmonds, Matilda Barckley, Karlie Everett, Joel Drapalski and Phyllis Cherry.

CALL TO ORDER: President Charlie Gable thanked everyone for being present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE: Bob Kanach led the pledge to the flag.

MINUTES: Charlie Gable presented the minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting. Minutes were approved after changes and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alicia Hardisky presented the April'2014 treasurer's report of fund balances, including the Free School 2014 Account and Gunson 2014 Account balances. The report was approved and filed for audit.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report.

NEW MEMBERS: Charlie Gable welcomed new Executive Board members Margaret Wolfe and Rick Wiles. Margaret will serve as our Parliamentarian and Rick will represent our chorus, Voices of Melody.

REPORTS:

Legislation: The AARSPA Legislative Luncheon was held on March 5, 2014. There were six AARSPA members present along with Trish Raff (MRSPA). Three delegates and one senator as well as a few legislative aides stopped by. The poor turnout was due to the House of Delegates discussing the minimum wage law. A couple days later we learned that the Legislature decided to use \$200 million of the \$300 million they had promised to retirees to build up the pension fund to balance the proposed budget. Susie Jablinske verified what they did and their plan for the future. Although this does not affect anyone's pension currently, it could impact our state's bond rating as well as the benefits of future retirees.

Archives / History: Carla Duls is working on the archives and history. She needs everyone's end of year committee reports by the end of June. A history supplement is published every 5 years.

Constitution - By-Laws: Charlie Gable reported the by-laws were revised and approved at the last general membership meeting. A copy is attached.

Chorus: Rick Wiles reported he will represent the chorus on the executive board. The chorus now has 25 members. Tom Neuenschwander is officially the director but is on medical leave. Several members have stepped up to lead the chorus during Tom's absence. The chorus library of music is located primarily at the BOE warehouse but some is at Tom's apartment. Rick and members are working to consolidate the music in one central location. Practice is held at Our Sheppard Lutheran Church in Severna Park, Md. on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 4:00 PM. The spring concert series includes 8 presentations, in addition to performing at the last general membership meeting at Renditions in Davidsonville, Md. Rick will coordinate with Charlie and Millie regarding songs and times for the Renditions presentation. Rick is also working with Alicia to eliminate some past due music financial account balances and to deposit donations. Bob will work with our web masters to put information regarding chorus presentations and a request for volunteers to join the chorus on our web site.

Community Service: Bob Kanach reported we may want to become involved in the Harvest for Hungary at our November, 2014 Luncheon. Rick shared that he works with the Boy Scouts and they are always looking for projects for their Eagle Scout candidates.

Consumer Education: Phyllis Cherry is now on the MRSPA State Consumer Education Committee. She attended a meeting which included information on help available to seniors from the Attorney General's Office. A lot of information on their web site involving consumer info. and nursing homes. Phyllis distributed pamphlets on both topics.

Educator/Employee of the Month: Tony Anzalone was unable to be present but conveyed information to Charlie that the committee is working well.

Finance/Budget: Alicia Hardisky reported that she will prepare a proposed budget for the next year by July 1, 2014. She requested that all stakeholders send her a realistic estimate of their financial needs for the next year.

Free School: Bob Kanach is coordinating the roof repair analysis by potential contractors. It appears we will need to replace the roof. Herb Sappington shared a concern regarding a contractor's intent to place felt paper under the new roof. Bob plans to have Herb visit the school and discuss the roofing replacement specifications in more detail. There is also a fallen tree in need of removal. The building clean-up committee met and cleaned up the inside in preparation for future tours. Karlie Everett gave an historical update on the 1723 legislation that established the 12 free schools. She also reported that Anne Donaldson donated her docent outfit. We now have magnetic docent badges with specific names. Chart paper and McGuffey Readers have been purchased and the BOE has printed more brochures. Karlie is continuing to work on increasing the public's awareness of the school via brochures in libraries, schools and articles to the local newspapers. MRSPA published an article about our free school. Karlie and Charlie gave a report on the "Paranormal Investigative Report" that was generated by Jarrod Tracy and staff. Many different activities were used to communicate with the spirits and both Charlie and Karlie heard some very distinct voices but didn't see anything unusual.

However, neither Charlie or Karlie really didn't know what to make of the experience which took place at the free school between 8-10:30 PM on March 1, 2014. The feedback indicated the spirits were "happy". It was decided that we would not permit Mr. Tracy to advertize the event on his facebook site and we would not permit any ghost tours.

Hospitality: No report but the committee is taking care of business as usual.

Membership: Carol Kirby reported our membership stands at 1920 members. We have 137 new members. Unfortunately, 53 members passed away. We have 43 emeritus members and 1877 paying members.

Remembrance: Millie Zipay reported her committee will meet the first week in May. They will prepare the memorial service booklet and will have the names of deceased members available before the next meeting so members may select deceased member's names for recognition during the ceremony. Millie is looking for other ways to recognize future member birthdays. It is very difficult to obtain donations from businesses.

Newsletter/ Informer: August 1st is the next deadline for articles.

Photography: John Hammond will provide photography services as needed or requested. John reported that Carla did a great job including 2 pages of pictures in our next newsletter from the Florida Get-together.

Pre-Retirement: Joel Drapalski reported the last seminar was very successful. There were 130 participants.

Programs: Charlie Gable reported Parker Koons, Judy Zahren and Stuart Tucker will attend our next general membership luncheon/meeting. This year's Teacher of the Year - Jodie Hogan will also attend and our chorus will provide entertainment. Charlie requested suggestions for speakers and entertainment for future luncheon/ meetings.

Public Relations: Our web masters will be updating our web site.

Raffle: Sandra Edmonds will be working hard to generate funds from future luncheon/meetings.

Scholarship: Tillie Barckley reported AARSPA collected \$2154.50 during the 2013/2014 year and received \$2850 from the 21st Century Foundation for a total of \$5,004.50. The scholarship applicants were evaluated on-line and 4 applicants were selected and submitted to the Scholarships for Scholars organization. The 3 recipients are: Shannon Derksen from Broadneck H.S., Mary Virginia Kizer Ball from Annapolis H.S. and Paige Owen from Annapolis H.S. Each will receive a \$4000 scholarship AARSPA on April 28, 2014 at the annual awards ceremony.

Travel: Bob Kanach reported for Lou Kamm. The trip to see "Sister Act" at the Hippodrome in June. There is a Fall train trip from Wilmington to Hockessin, DE scheduled for Oct. 25, 2014 and the cost is \$75 per ticket. A Christmas Show at the American Music Theater in Lancaster, PA is scheduled for December 3, 2014. More information to follow in future newsletters.

United Seniors of Maryland: Susie Jablinske reported the United Seniors Forum was cancelled due to the weather.

Nominations: Bob Kanach reported Barry Fader has agreed to be our President-Elect for the next year. Bob also has a person lined up to replace Mary Wagner as Recording Secretary and hopes to release the name at the Renditions luncheon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Florida Meeting/ Luncheon /Get-Together "Debriefing" - Seventy three registered (40 from Maryland, 32 from Florida and 1 from Virginia) for the luncheon. About 50 attended the reception at Shirley Phillip's home on March 12th. Shirley was a terrific host and her home was beautiful. About 70 people attended the luncheon at the Venice Yacht Club. on March 13th. Thus far we do not have a host for next year's event but there is a lot of support to continue the annual tradition in Florida. Margaret Sherkey is the "go to" person in Florida and she will be contacted.

Increase Luncheon Cost - We need to increase our luncheon cost because we lost \$800 last year on luncheon expenses.. Bob Kanach suggested an increase to \$30 and it was decided to bring up the subject at the Renditions luncheon/meeting. The Executive Board voted in favor of providing lunch for unpaid guest speakers. Paid speakers and entertainers may join us for lunch at their own expense.

Political Candidates - It was decided not to invited political candidates to speak at our luncheons.

Financial Aid - It was decided not to provide financial aid to a teacher for registration fees associated with a national conference. The teacher requested financial assistance.

Dates To Remember:

May 6, 2014 - MRSPA Business Meeting - Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, Md. - 8:30 AM

Note: Due to lack of enrollment, the May 5-7 Conference was cancelled.

May 15, 2014 - Renditions Golf Course, Davidsonville, Md. - General Membership Meeting / Luncheon - 9:45 AM

June 12, 2014 - Exec. Board Mtg. - Free School, Davidsonville, Md. - 10:00 AM

July 10, 2014 - Exec. Board Mtg. - AACPS BOE, Center III - 10:00 AM

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED - 12:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond, Assistant Recording Secretary

