

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
Severna Park Elks, Severna Park, Maryland
September 12, 2024**

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Co-President Doyle.

Pledge to the Flag Rick Wiles lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings and Introductions Co-President Doyle welcomed our guests:

- First Time Attendees: Jackie Curran, Hanna Denney, Lynne Evans, Janet Fucelle, Pam Hull, Roger Hull, Catherine Jost, Lucia Martin, Mary Ellen Mulvaney, Robin Murray, Lisa Pitt, Teresa Steger
- Emeritus Attendees: None
- Special Guests: Debbie Ahalt, Public Relations Chairperson, MRSPA and Leslie Schell Members Benefits Committee Chairperson, MRSPA, Bridget Wicklein, Benefits Manager, AACPS and Vicky Cosby, Asst. Benefits Manager, AACPS

Minutes from the May 9, 2024 Meeting

Minutes reviewed and were accepted as published

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was given by Robert Kanach. It passed as presented.

Business Meeting

Elks Club

President Terry Hicks welcomed AARSPA and gave a brief history of the club including the projects they are involved with in our community.

Committee Reports Co-President Anzalone now led the meeting

Before committee reports, Co-President Anzalone gave a report of the preschool opening events, this included the new Crofton High School, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Bedell's plan (Belong, Grow, Succeed), new teacher orientation was attended Deb Ahalt, Phyllis Cherry, and Tony Anzalone to share AARSPA's Mini-Grants and scholarships.

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported that the chorus has been practicing at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park. They have concerts scheduled in November and December. If anyone is interested in joining the group let Rick Wiles know. They are looking for male voices.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Before the committee report, Deb Ahalt reminded members of the Alzheimer's Walk on October 20, 2024 at Sandy Point Park. If you would like to donate or join a team, go to the Alzheimer's Walk website.

Sharon Stratton from NCEON shared information about their group in north county. They provide food for those in need. Food is being delivered on a monthly basis to a senior assisted living center. They are seeking volunteers to help out.

Phyllis Cherry gave the community service committee report. School supplies donated at the last meeting were over-whelming. These items were taken to Annapolis Middle School and Germantown Elementary. The committee will donate pumpkins to senior living centers with markers for the

residents to decorate for Halloween. Ms. Cherry then gave a consumers education committee report. She talked about scams in emails and on phones. She strongly suggested we all “Just say No!”.

Guest Speakers

Susan Baugher introduced the HR employees from AACPS, Bridget Wicklein and Vicky Cosby. These HR representatives stated that Open Enrollment will be October 14-26, 2024. If no changes nothing needs to be completed. There is an increase in premiums: 6% medical, 4% dental, and 3% vision. There is also an increase of \$5.00 for co-pays. Louise De Jesu asked for representation on the bargaining committee from AARSPA. Bridget will take the suggestion back and Sharyn Doyle will follow-up. CVS will continue as our pharmacy vender for prescriptions that are for 90 days.

Legislative Committee

Virginia Crespo summarized the legislative session to date. Ms. Crespo stated that MRSPA is support legislative efforts with the assistance of AARP. The issues being supported include grants for caregivers or tax breaks. There were 2,700 bills proposed. Of those bills 57 were being followed and 15 were supported. All curriculum bills were being opposed. Long term health care tax credit is an issue for next year. The Drug Affordability Board is reviewing 8 drugs but will only effect State Employees. Our pension system is in good shape.

Membership Committee

Leslie Schell and Deb Ahalt from MRSPA shared the MRSPA website with the attendees. They worked through the parts of the website that would be advantageous for members to use. Leslie Schell also shared the posters that will be sent out to all workplaces of AACPS highlighting our organization and opportunities.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner shared the responsibilities of each committee member: Diane Rogers, Get Well, Linda Poole, Sympathy, Millie Gardner, all the other events.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley thanked the membership for our continued loyalty of supporting the scholarship program. She reported that there were 19 applicants for our scholarships. This year there will be four \$5,000 scholarships. She thanked us for the donations that have been received in memory or to honor someone. Ms. Barckley reminded us of the Killarney House fundraiser on October 15, 2024. The meals will be \$30 + tax + gratuities.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 P.M.

Dates to Remember	
Mon. September 23, 2024	Deadline for October AARSPA Informer
Tues. September 24, 2024	MRSPA Leadership Workshop Zoom, Odenton Office
Mon. October 7, 2024	Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia, PA. 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM
Thur. October 10, 2024	Executive Board Meeting, MRSPA Office, Odenton, 10:00 AM- 12:PM
Tues. October 15, 2024	Killarney House Scholarship Fundraiser, 584 Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Sun. October 20, 2024	Walk to End Alzheimer, Sandy Point State Park
Thur. November 14, 2024	General Membership Meeting and Luncheon, CAT North, 800 Stevensville Road, Severn, MD 21144, registration 9:45 AM, Meeting 10:30 AM
Tues. December 3, 2024	American Music Theatre, “Joy to the World” 9:45 AM – 8:45 PM
Fri. December 23, 2024	Deadline for January AARSPA Informer

Respectfully submitted by,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary