**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association**

**General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes**

**February 13, 2025**

**Renditions Golf Club**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Co-President Doyle.

**Pledge to the Flag** Rick Wiles led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Greetings and Introductions** Co-President Doyle welcomed our guests:

* First Time Attendees
  + Barbara Colacicco
  + Mary Beth Gormley
* Guest Performers: Alvin Stansbury and the Broadneck Ensemble

**Minutes from the November 14, 2024**

Sharyn Doyle shared the minutes on our website and asked attendees to accept the minutes as posted. The minutes were approved.

**Business Meeting**

**Committee Reports** Co-President Anzalone now led the meeting

**AARSPA Voices in Melody**

Rick Wiles reported that there currently 34 members. The chorus is in need of tenors and basses. There are now five concerts scheduled. If anyone is interested in joining the chorus, please let Rick Wiles know. See the 2025 schedule and locations attached.

**Consumer Education/Community Service**

Deb Ahalt thanked group for donations to Sarah’s House, Animal Control, and Senior Centers. The donations have been distributed.

Charlie Gable and Anthony Anzalone shared the new mini-grant program AARSPA is sponsoring. Our recipients are selected from Anne Arundel County pool of applicants for a MRSPA mini-grant and were not selected. This year there will be one $500 mini-grant.

**Free School Museum**

Karlie Everett and Bob Kanach gave the report. The school received a new well pump in January ($3,200) Ms. Everett announced that Maryland Day is March 24th the activities will open with experiences for children. The committee is discussing the possibility of a book club at the Free School. See attached for Open House dates.

**Legislative Committee**

Virginia Crespo summarized the legislative session to date, sharing there is a 3-billion-dollar deficit. MRSPA is opposing all curriculum bills. She reported that the Blueprint is funded for the next three years with tweaks. Money is still frozen from the Federal Government that is adding to the problems of the budget. Feds want the state to pay 53% of the Medicaid fees. Many Federal workers live in Maryland and face uncertainty with their employment. All vacant Federal positions are being cut. The funds for the Key Bridge rebuild are there, but may not be released. Our Pension is safe, with a request from the state for more contributions from the counties. Some Voter identification bills are opposed by MRSPA.

**Membership Committee**

Leslie Schell stated that membership is the most important aspect of an organization. We work in conjunction with the MRSPA to build our membership. It was suggested that we carry a membership application with us when meeting with fellow retirees. MRSPA has hired AMBA to help build our membership ($25,000). The committee is looking at recent retirees and will also include some individuals who did not join last year. The hope is to educate them of the benefits to joining AARSPA. Ms. Schell thanked Susan Baugher for updating the brochure placed in the retiree’s packets. Plans are underway with the BOE Retirement office for a preretirement seminar. The posters advertising our organization were sent out to all facilities with employees who are potential members. The Eastern Shore gathering is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

**Remembrance Committee**

Millie Gardner reported that she had birthday raffle prizes and for those who are eligible to please place a ticket in the box.

**Scholarship Committee**

Tillie Barckley reminded us that envelopes are on each table for donations. Five scholarships are available this year. A fundraiser is scheduled for June 17th at Killarney House. Ms. Barckley introduced the entertainment.

**Trips and** **Travel**

Rick Wiles shared that the Cherry Blossom trip on April 4th is sold out. Advertised in the April Informer is the Buddy Holly trip for September 6th.

**Old Business**

No Old business

**New Business**

No new business

**Announcements**

Birthday Drawing: Millie Gardner

Raffle Drawing: $266 cash, $50 AARSPA, $133 give back, $125 to the foundation.

Next meeting May 8th at Two Rivers Restaurant

The staff at the Renditions was thanked for their service.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

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| Fri., April 4, 2025 | Odyssey Cruise & Cherry Blossoms – Washington, DC Trip |
| Th., April 10, 2025 | Executive Board Meeting, 10:00-12:00, MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway |
| Fri., April 11, 2025 | AARSPA Eastern Shore. Ocean Pines Yacht Club, 12:00 PM-2:00 PM |
| Tues., May 6, 2025 | MRSPA Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, Turf Valley Resort, 2700 Turf Valley Road, Ellicott City, MD |
| Th., May 8, 2025 | Business Meeting and Luncheon, Two Rivers Restaurant, Lake Shore Plaza off Mountain Road, Registration, 9:45 AM and meeting at 10:30 AM |
| Th., June 12, 2025 | Executive Board Meeting, The Free School, 1298 Lavall Drive, Davidsonville, MD, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM |
| Th. July 10, 2025 | Executive Board Meeting – 10:00am – 12:00pm –– Board of Education Parham Building, room 2A |
| Mon. July 21, 2025 | Deadline for August 2025 AARSPA Informer |
| Sat. Sept. 6, 2025 | The Buddy Holly Story – Lancaster, PA |
| Th. Sept. 11, 2025 | General membership meeting and luncheon – Severna Park Elks Lodge 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park, MD- 9:45am registration and meeting begins at 10:30am |
| Mon. Sept 22, 2025 | Deadline for October 2025 AARSPA Informer |
| Th. Oct. 9, 2025 | Executive Board Meeting – 10:00 – 12:00PM – MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton MD 21113 |
| Th. Nov. 13, 2025 | General Membership Meeting and Luncheon –CAT-North at 800 Stevenson Road, Severn. MD 21144 9:45 am registration & meeting 10:30am. (Tentative) |
| Th. Dec.4, 2025 | Stone Gables Estate Holiday – Elizabethtown, PA |
| Fri. Dec. 20, 2025 | Deadline for January 2026 AARSPA Informer |
| Th. Jan. 8, 2026 | Executive Board Meeting – 10:00 – 12:00PM – MRSPA at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton MD 21113 |

Respectfully submitted by,

Zetta Hart

Recording Secretary

