

**Anne Arundel Retired School Personnel Association
General Membership Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
Two Rivers Steak and Fish House, Pasadena, Maryland
May 9, 2024**

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:31 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: Sharon Jennings, Mona Mandley
- Emeritus Attendees: Ron Ruffo
- Special Guests: Bill Brose, Webmaster, Scholarship Winners and Parents, Carla Duls, MRSPA President and husband Jim

Minutes from the February 8, 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

Committee Reports Co-President Anzalone now led the meeting

AARSPA Voices in Melody

Rick Wiles reported this is the first performance for this season. There are now five concerts scheduled.

Community Service/Consumer Education

Phyllis Cherry provided the report with the assistance of Anthony Anzalone. The committee is now supporting two \$300 grants for Anne Arundel County Public Schools teachers. Our recipients were selected from Anne Arundel County applications unsuccessful winning a mini-grant from MRSPA. Two individuals out of seven were selected to receive \$300. The grants were suggested by Charlie Gable to support those teachers who applied for the grants from MRSPA and did not receive one.

Supplies that were collected for assisted living facilities were distributed with appreciation from the staff.

Free School Museum

Karlie Everett continued the report on the Free School Celebration. Ms. Everett shared that the Free School would be open for tours the second Saturday and Sunday from April – August. There is a need for more volunteers that will be trained for the open house visitors.

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 Marge Smith are continuing their efforts to recruit new members. May is renewal month and will be publicized through emails and our Informer. Changes will be made to include the increase in dues by MRSPA (now \$50). It was recommended to try dues deductions from our retirement checks. It would be a one-time deduction for the year. Sue Baugher was thanked for her assistance getting 11x17 posters created for every school and other school system buildings. They will

be delivered by the Print Shop. New Retiree Meet and Greet will be Monday, September 16, 2024. Breakfast will be provided for the new retirees as we introduce them to AARSPA. Information will be in the August Informer. If you need a new directory, contact Leslie Schell.

Remembrance Committee

Millie Gardner reported that she has sent out special gifts for emeritus members. Framed pictures of the Blue Angels were donated for our silent auction. Proceeds will go to the scholarship program. Winners can send checks to Tillie Barckley.

Scholarship Committee

Tillie Barckley thanked the membership for our continued loyalty of supporting the scholarship program. She also thanked Tony Anzalone, Dr. Les Mobray and Sharyn Doyle, for their help reviewing the applications, Deb Ahalt, for the photograph, and Brenda Gibson, for sending out the letters. June 19, 2024 is the next fundraiser at Brian Boru for our program.

Trips and Travel

Co-Chair Kay Stawas reported that the next trip is the Blue Angels scheduled for May 21st. Several additional events are scheduled, Site and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania to see "Daniel." A few more people are needed for this trip to happen. A trip to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, PA is scheduled for October 4, 2024. The committee is planning for a December trip.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Charlie Gable introduced the next nominated co-presidents who start as Presidents Elect in 2024-2025.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 P.M.

Dates to Remember	
June 13, 2024	Executive Board Mtg., The Free School, Davidsonville, MD
June 19, 2024	Brian Boru Scholarship Fund Raiser 11 am - 9 pm
July 11, 2024	Executive Board Meeting, 10-12 P.M., BOE Parham Bldg, Room 2A, Odenton, MD
September 12, 2024	General Membership Meeting/Luncheon, Severna Park Elks Lodge 2482, 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Zetta Hart
Recording Secretary