

02/01/2018 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was convened at 10:05 am by President Jean Wright in the Annex Building of the Kent County Public Library. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending were: Jean Foreman, Jean Wright, Kathy Clark, Nancy Harrington, Sue Crooks, Charlotte Potts, Lee Hunley, Terri Bostic, Brenda Shorter, and Carol Lupis.

The minutes of the 11/02/2017 KRSPA Executive Committee meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance as of 01/31/2018 is \$6783.68

The Scholarship Fund balance as of 01/31/2018 is \$5369.72. Of that amount, \$600 is in the Dr. Lorraine Costella Scholarship Fund.

Old Business:

Jean Foreman asked permission to send \$50 to MRSPA for the Scholarship raffle to be conducted in May. We agreed that the money should be sent.

New Business:

Community Service – Billie Lynne Roberts sent in her report that Jean Foreman has been selected as our nominee for the MRSPA community service award. Billie Lynne has completed and mailed the application. A reference letter is needed for the MD Senior Citizen Award application. Carol Cordes has agreed to write the letter. Sue Crooks will finish and mail that application which is due April 10th. Congratulations to Jean for all of her services to others. There was some discussion about a general project such as maintenance of the Robert A. Crooks Memorial Garden at KCHS or starting “Little Free Libraries” in areas in the county where there is not a KCPL branch. Nancy Harrington will get us information about the “Little Free Libraries”.

Scholarship – Billie Lynne reported that changes to the application form were made as discussed in the last executive meeting. The GPA suggested will be 3.0. The requirement that a student be part of the Teacher Academy was deleted. The edited application was delivered to KCHS in January by Terri Bostic. Terri will follow up with teachers to make sure students know about the scholarship. Completed applications are due by April 1, 2018. A committee has been formed to review and select award winners. Please continue to make donations to our scholarship fund so we can support our students.

Cliffs School – Jean Foreman reported that members may sign up to be docents at Cliffs School at the March general meeting.

Legislative – Jean Wright reported that the current legislative issues are on the MRSPA website.

Membership - Nancy Harrington reported that we have 94 members. We have 10 new members, 4 emeritus members and 0 unpaid members. We had an 8.05% increase in our membership, which is the highest in the state. Recently, 2 of our members, Marion Niskey and Betty Freeman, have passed away. We welcome two new members, Kathleen Jones and Linda Porter.

Nominating – Carol Lupis reported that the position of secretary will be open. Terri Mulliken has agreed to become the secretary if someone else will do the newsletter. So we are seeking a volunteer to publish the newsletter.

Trips – Nancy Harrington reported that she is working on the November 2018 bus trip to Lancaster’s American Music Theater. The tickets have been reserved. Bus and restaurant reservations are being made.

Newsletter – The newsletter will be mailed on 2/09/18. Articles will be accepted until 02/07/18.

Hospitality – The March 1, 2018 meeting will be held at Louisa’s in Chestertown, MD. There will be social time at 11 a.m., a business meeting at 11:30 a.m., and lunch at noon. There will be three choices for lunch.

Program – Carol Lupis suggested that a future program would be a tour of the arts program at KCHS. Nancy suggested that we invite the KCPS Teacher of the Year and that she be given some time to speak at the meeting. There was some discussion about asking Deeann Jones or Richard Goodall to speak at the March meeting on behalf of Character Counts. Asking Connie Schroth to speak about the Horizons Program was suggested for a future meeting. Lee Hunley initiated a discussion about the program at the Christmas meeting. She suggested that instead of the Chinese auction that bringing a gift be voluntary. Those who bring a gift will be able to choose a gift. There was mention of not having a gift-giving aspect of the Christmas meeting. For fundraising we would have the 50 – 50 raffle as in other meetings.

Dr. Seuss Day – Kathy Clark will firm up volunteers at the March 1 meeting. Materials and instructions will be distributed. Dr. Seuss Day is February 2, 2018.

Fay Miller sent a thank you note for the gift we presented to her at the December general meeting.

Debbie Chance, Area III North Coordinator, sent a thank you note for asking her to attend the Christmas meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic,
Secretary