

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association General Membership Meeting

October 1, 2015

At 11:20 am President Barbara Wheeler called the meeting to order at Luisa's Restaurant in Chestertown, MD. 26 people attended, including 4 guests.

Jean Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

President Barbara Wheeler welcomed the new members attending, Gladys Miller and Sue Crooks.

The agenda for today was approved and the minutes from the June 2015 minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report, which appeared in the newsletter, was approved. Treasurer Jean Foreman asked that when writing checks, we write separate checks for different items such as the scholarship fund, trips, dues, etc.

Kathy Clark gave an explanation of the Homework Depot which is a tutoring program approved by KCPS and the Kent County Learning Center. It provides tutoring and homework help for students. Emmanuel Episcopal Church will provide facilities for tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the school year, beginning at 3:30 pm. Additional sites for the Homework Depot will open in the future. The homework Depot is looking for tutors and homework helpers. Volunteers do not have to hold a professional certificate to participate. Steve Croker, board member of the Kent County Learning Center is the person prospective volunteers should contact. His e mail address is: stevecroker@verizon.net. His phone number is 410-778-1199.

Community Service Chairperson, Billie Lynne Roberts reported that Terri Mullikin received the National Retired Teachers Association award for her community service. She is very active in many aspects of service to the community including her work with the Girl Scouts. Billie Lynne also reported that Fay Miller will be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. There will be a luncheon honoring the inductees on Thursday, October 22, 2015. Billie Lynne reminded everyone to record community service hours on the form which is in the newsletter.

Scholarship Chairperson, Billie Lynne Roberts announced that KCRSPA awarded 4 scholarships of \$1000 each in 2015 to Sawyer Cornelius and Ray Gill who are attending Salisbury University and Savannah Hague and Casey Roberts who are attending St. Mary's College. Thank you notes from Sawyer Cornelius and Ray Gill were read.

Legislative Chairman, Betty Barbe reported on Governor Hogan's attempt to put \$68 million that was intended for school systems into the "make-up" fund for the Maryland pension system. In a compromise with the legislature, Hogan agreed to give \$68 to the school systems as the General

Assembly originally intended and the legislature will put \$71 in the “make-up” fund for the Maryland pension system.

Ruth Wilson, Co-chairperson for Trips, reported that there were 2 seats open for the November 11, 2015 trip to Lancaster.

President Wheeler directed our attention to the issue of emeritus memberships for members over 90 years old. She asked for our written opinion about what should be done about the issue in view of the financial problems this policy is creating for MRSPA finances.

After a delicious lunch, Program Chairperson, Nancy Harrington introduced our guest speaker, Dan MacLeod, KCPS Technical Supervisor. Dan gave a very informative presentation about the grant money KCPS has procured and all of the digital resources available to KCPS students including Discovery Education, digital textbooks, computers for students and district-wide licenses for services such as Google Docs and Gizmo.

Emily Massey, Hospitality Co-chairperson, conducted the 50-50 raffle drawing. \$31.00 was raised for the scholarship fund.

President Wheeler reminded us that KCRSPA has a website and that there will be a website training on November 17, 2015 at the Odenton office. Volunteers to help with the website are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic

Recording Secretary

Correction of Minutes of the KCRSPA General Meeting October 1, 2015

Legislative:

The following passage from the 10/01/15 Meetings of the General Meeting is corrected:

“Legislative Chairman, Betty Barbe reported on Governor Hogan’s attempt to put \$68 million that was intended for school systems into the “make-up” fund for the Maryland pension system. In a compromise with the legislature, Hogan agreed to give \$68 to the school systems as the General Assembly originally intended and the legislature will put \$71 in the “make-up” fund for the Maryland pension system.”

The correction is as follows:

“It was proposed by the Maryland General Assembly that if Gov. Hogan would agree to give the \$68 million GCEI funds to the school systems as originally intended by the legislature, then the Maryland legislature would put \$71 million in the pension make-up fund.” Please note that as of the date of the 10/01/15 general meeting, the agreement had not been finalized. It had been proposed.

Thank you, Betty Barbe, for making this correction.

Correction submitted 23 Nov 2015