

September 1, 2016

KCRSPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jean Wright. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Jean Wright, Jean Foreman, Billie Lynne Roberts, Nancy Harrington, Kathy Clark, Olythea Hunley, Winnie Walters, Margie Baker, Betty Barbe, Terri Bostic, Nancy Harrington, and Carol Lupis.

Nancy Harrington distributed the 2016 – 2017 MRSPA Handbook.

The minutes were read and approved.

Jean Foreman gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the KCRSPA account as of Sept 1, 2016 was \$7468.85. The balance in the KCRSPA Scholarship Fund was \$3585.29. There were several generous contributions in honor of Dr. Lorraine Costella's 80th birthday. There was a question about whether there was a desire for a separate scholarship in honor of Dr. Lorraine Costella or whether contributions in her honor should be included in the general scholarship fund. This question was tabled until we are able to get information from Fay Miller.

Old Business

Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark are continuing to work on the history of one-room schoolhouses in Kent County. They are interviewing people who attended those schools.

New Business

There will be a MRSPA Fall Leadership Workshop in Centreville on September 20. Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark plan to attend.

The KCRSPA Budget, which was approved at the June 2016 General Meeting applies to the period from July 2016 through June 2016.

Nominating Committee

Sue Crooks has volunteered to work with Nancy Harrington on the Membership Committee. Thank you, Sue.

We need volunteers for the Community Service Committee. An appeal will be made at the General Meeting in October.

Scholarship Committee

We received thank you notes from both 2016 scholarship recipients, Samantha Redman and Linsey Elgin.

Terri Bostic will be helping Billie Lynne Roberts revise and refine the qualification criteria for the KCRSPA scholarship(s). We want to consider financial need as well as the sincere desire to teach.

We are going to ask Brenda Shorter to be on the Scholarship Committee.

We thank everyone who has contributed to the Scholarship Fund. We encourage each and every member to contribute to the fund.

Newsletter

We expect that the newsletter will be published on September 9, 2016. Included in the newsletter will be an appeal for scholarship donations.

Nancy Harrington will be asking for information about organizations and services in which we are involved. Please provide this information when you send in your lunch preferences for the October General Meeting.

Program

The October meeting will be at Luisa's in Chestertown on Thurs., October 6, 2016.

Teacher and Support Person of the Year will be the guests at the October 6, 2016 General Meeting. The Teacher of the Year is Becca Bigelow and the Support Person of the Year is Denise Jones. Both are professionals at Worton Elementary School.

The 2016 retirees will be our guests at the October meeting:

The theme of the October General Meeting will be the celebration of the work that our members do in the community.

Olythea Hunley will be distributing the new brochure about discounts offered to senior citizens by local businesses.

Winnie Walters will be presenting information about Debbie's Angels and the quilting this organization does.

Sue Coleman will give an overview of Homeports.

The December 1, 2016 General Meeting will be at CRYCC.

Community Service

The annual luncheon for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie. The social hour will begin at 11 a.m. with the luncheon scheduled for 12 noon. Sign-up will be available at the KCRSPA General Meeting in October. Sue Coleman is our 2016 honoree.

Food Pantry

At the June General Meeting the following were contributed:

\$55 in cash

37 lb. in food

4 books

13 egg cartons

If you contribute egg cartons, please put \$1 or \$2 in each carton.

Children's books and picture books are the most popular types of books at the Food Pantry.

Trips

There are five seats available for the November 2, 2016 Christmas Show Bus Trip. Tickets are \$80. Contact Ruth Wilson if you would like to purchase a ticket. 410-778-2549.

Cliff School

Many thanks to all who have volunteered as docents at Cliff School. We have had 50 visitors so far this year. The Port of Chester Questers, which is also working on the project, received \$1900 from the Kent County Commissioners and \$3450 for the International Questers to pay for blackboard restoration. The electronic mouse deterrents are working. Some items from the school will be at the Bordley Building in September 2016 as part of display about school houses in Kent County. Terri Bostic distributed information about a December 10, 2016 bus trip to Longwood Gardens for the benefit of Cliff School. If you would like information about the trip, please call Terri at 410-778-1650.

Legislation

Betty Barbe, who has become a member of the Legislative Committee of the MRSPA, recently attended a Legislative Committee Meeting in Odenton, MD. She reported that the state pension/retirement system is underfunded by 11%. Jeff Hooke, an investment advisor and a Visiting Fellow at the Maryland Public Policy Institute, noted that the system is paying over \$300,000,000 per year to money managers who are not even beating the market. He suggested that the pension/retirement funds be invested in indexed equities which will mirror market returns with very low management fees. Betty suggested that our members call Governor Hogan's office (1-800-811-8336) to insist that the state make an effort to increase the funding level and also remedy this situation in which an exorbitant amount of money is being paid in management fees.

Membership

We have 89 members, 4 emeritus members, and 7 new retirees who are prospective members. MRSPA President Fay Miller has given us a goal of 95 members. Please help us recruit at least 6 new members from among our new and past retirees.

Character Counts

Deeann Jones needs coaches at schools for Character Counts. If you are available or have questions about the program, please email Deeann at jonesy222@verizon.net.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Bostic, Recording Secretary

