

June 2, 2016 KCRSPA General Meeting

At 11:25 President Barbara Wheeler called the meeting to order at the Kitty Knight House in Georgetown, Maryland.

We observed a moment of silence, respect and remembrance for our members who had recently passed away: Betty Simperts, Art Engle, Eloise Johnson, and Clarence Hawkins.

President Wheeler noted that the 03/03/16 general meeting minutes and the 05/05/16 executive committee meeting minutes were posted on the KCRSPA website and in The Bell Ringer.

Treasurer Jean Foreman reported that as of May 1, 2016 the treasury balance was \$5740.53. The scholarship account balance as of May 1, 2016 was \$4905.79 before the 2016 scholarships were awarded.

Judy Zahren, who has been the executive Director of MRSPA for the last 22 years, introduced Fay Miller as the incoming president of the MRSPA. Judy encouraged us to serve on MRSPA State Committees since the Eastern Shore needs more representation on those.

Judy reported that there will be no change on the emeritus member issue, but that the MRSPA dues will be increased by \$10. She also reported that the pension system has been funded at a higher level than was required by law. Three \$2000 scholarships were awarded to educational professionals besides those awarded to teachers. Judy also suggested that at the next KCRSPA meeting there should be a demonstration of MRSPA and KCRSPA websites.

KCRSPA presented Judy Zahren and Max Muller, outgoing MRSPA President, with bottles of Crow Vinyards Wine.

Liza Goetz, Kent County Teacher of the Year, was introduced and congratulated. She spoke to us about her experiences this year and she thanked experienced and retired teachers for all of the help they have given her and all newer teachers.

We congratulated Fay Miller for becoming the new MRSPA president.

Fay Miller congratulated Sue Coleman for winning the 2016 MRSPA Volunteer Service Award. She was presented this award at the May 10, 2016 MRSPA Annual Meeting.

Old Business

President Barbara Wheeler reminded all of us to donate to the scholarship fund. She thanked us for our donations to the community food pantry.

New Business

Pension: This year our pension payment will increase by .119% which reflects the COLA.

Cliff School: Jean Foreman reported that we have Cliff School docents scheduled for each day it is open to the public. Attendance by the public was relatively good in May.

Community Service: Billie Lynne Roberts congratulated Sue Coleman not only for her 2016 MRSPA Volunteer Service Award, but for her service which included her work at Crossroads, her participation in the quilting group's work, her volunteer work at Mt. Harmon, her help for disaster victims and her work in the schools. In addition, Sue Coleman has been accepted in the AARP Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Billie Lynne also reported that Terri Mulliken received the Thanks Badge from the Girl Scouts Council for her service.

** Billie Lynne would like help with the Community Service Committee. She will be absent in future years during critical times in the selection process for the awards.

Scholarship: Billie Lynne Roberts reported that the scholarship fund received a generous donation in recognition of Dr. Costella's 80th birthday. This year KCRSPA awarded two \$1200 scholarships. The recipients were Lindsey Elgin and Samantha Redman. Next year there will be a committee to formulate criteria for the scholarship award and to select the recipients.

Trips: The annual trip will be on December 7, 2016.

Miscellaneous:

Peggy Smith has become an Emeritus Member.

On May 29, 2016 there was a memorial service held for Clarence Hawkins.

After lunch, Kathy Clark and Nancy Harrington presented an enjoyable program about one-room school houses in Kent County's past.

The 50-50 raffle raised \$51 for the scholarship fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic
Recording Secretary

