

Executive Committee Meeting May 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jean Wright.

We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending were: Fay Miller, Jean Foreman, Jean Wright, Nancy Harrington, Kathy Clark, Nancy McCloy, Lee Hunley, Charlotte Potts, Brenda Shorter, Billie Lynne Roberts, and Terri Bostic.

The minutes of the February 7, 2019 executive committee meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Jean Foreman reported that our treasury balance is \$5911.21 as of May 2, 2019. Our scholarship fund balance is \$5767.58, including \$1025 for the Lorraine Costella Scholarship Fund.

Old Business

The MRSPA Annual Meeting will be held on May 8, 2019. Fay Miller, Sue Crooks, Nancy Harrington, Jean Foreman and Margie Baker will be attending.

New Business

Jean Wright introduced a letter from Airlee Johnson about the Rural Education Initiative, the REI. This initiative has as its goal “to ensure that every child leaving rural school systems [is] college or career ready by taking advantage of new neurological insights into the key stages of brain development; early childhood and adolescence.” Mrs. Johnson is inviting educators who have retired in the past five years to contact her at 410-708-7472 to volunteer to help with this project. There will be a meeting at the end of May.

Fay Miller presented information about and a demonstration of the use of the MRSPA and KCRSPA websites. The websites contain the minutes of our meetings, important information, such as the annual COLA, and photos of our members.

Committee Reports

Program/Hospitality:

Our June 6, 2019 general meeting will be at Luisa’s in Chestertown. There will be the installation of our new officers. Fay Miller will present information about the MRSPA and KCRSPA websites. Kathy Clarke will be bringing a display of Dr. Seuss Day 2019. There will be a signup sheet for members who would like to volunteer to read to students at HHGES during the upcoming school year.

Membership:

We have 97 members, including 5 members of the local association only.

Sue Crooks and Nancy Harrington will have personal contact with the 2019 retirees to invite each of them to join KCRSPA. New retirees will be invited to be our guests at the October general meeting. All members are encouraged to contact other members and encourage them to attend out general meetings.

MRSPA will give a \$10 discount on annual dues for members who change from check payments to automatically deducted payments.

Members who pay dues by check will receive their bills on June 1, 2019.

Trips:

The American Music Theater trip will be on November 6, 2019. The cost will be \$89. Nancy Harrington will be starting plans for the 2020 trip soon.

Scholarship:

Billie Lynne Roberts and Brenda Shorter reported on the KCHS student who will be awarded our scholarships this year. Her award will be announced at the May 22, 2019 KCHS Awards Assembly. She will receive the \$2000 KCRSPA Scholarship and the \$1025 Lorraine Costella Award. We will invite the recipient of our scholarships and her parents to our June 6, 2019 meeting.

Billie Lynn read a thank you note from Meaghan Doyle who received one of our scholarship awards in 2018.

Newsletter:

Articles for the newsletter are due on May 10, 2019.

Community Service:

Billie Lynne Roberts reported that Nancy Harrington is our nominee for both the 2019 AARP Community Service Award and the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Award.

Billie Lynne read a thank you note from the Lions Club for the \$50 that KCRSPA contributed to the Christmas Food Basket project.

Nancy Harrington reported that our plans for The Little Library are ongoing.

HHGES is inviting our members to read to students on a scheduled basis. A signup sheet will be available at the June 2019 general meeting.

Legislative:

Betty Weller has volunteered to be the KCRSPA Legislative Chairman. She has also volunteered to serve on the MRSPA Legislative Committee.

Nominations:

Fay Miller, President

Winnie Walters, Secretary

Emily Massey, Treasurer

We still need a nominee for Vice President.

There was a discussion about the possibility of having co-presidents and co-vice presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Secretary