

Kent County Retired School Personnel Association General Membership Meeting

December 3, 2015

The Holiday Meeting was called to order by President Barbara Wheeler at 11:30 am at the Chester River Yacht and County Club. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

30 people attended including guests Steve Croker (Board Member of the Kent County Learning Center and Homework Depot Coordinator), Debbie Chance (MRSPA Area Director) Mr. Freeman, John Foreman, a friend of the Foreman's and Cathy Spray (a prospective member).

Area Director Chance gave an update on the emeritus membership issue. There will be a vote in May at the annual meeting and she expects that the emeritus membership will be eliminated but that those who are already emeritus members will retain their status. Local organizations may elect to keep the practice of awarding emeritus memberships at their discretion. Director Chance also expects that there will be a \$10 increase in annual dues and that that will happen in two years.

Minutes:

President Wheeler reminded the membership that the minutes of the general meetings and of the executive committee meetings are in the newsletter and on the website. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

A \$25 donation to the MRSPA scholarship fund was approved.
A \$25 donation was approved for the Kent County Food Pantry.

Historian:

Nancy Harrington is organizing the history of KCRSPA.

New Business

Dr. Seuss:

Kathy Clark reported that Dr. Seuss reading day will be March 2, 2016. You may sign up any time. Kathy will contact those who have volunteered in previous years.

Membership:

Prospective member, Cathy Spray, was introduced.
Fay Miller reported that we have 91 unified members.

Community Service:

Billie Lynne Roberts reminded us that we may volunteer to fill and deliver food baskets for the Lions Club at the KC Community Center in Worton, MD on Dec. 14, starting at about 8am.

Margie Baker asked us to fill out a survey on the needs of seniors in the community.

Program:

We enjoyed a Chinese Auction which was organized and conducted by Emily Massey. The auction raised \$144 for the scholarship fund.

Jean Wright said the blessing before lunch.

Our guest speaker was Steve Croker, Board Member of the Kent County Learning Center and Homework Depot Coordinator. He gave a very informative explanation of the Homework Depot. He included background on the educational needs in the county and encouraged our members to volunteer to be homework helpers and also to consider being local coordinators. To volunteer or receive additional information, contact Steve Croker at stevecroker@verizon.net or 410-778-1199.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic
Recording Secretary