

KCRSPA General Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2016

The meeting was convened by Vice-president Jean Wright at Luisa's Restaurant at 11 am. There were 21 members present and 3 non-members.

The minutes of the December 3, 2015 general meeting that were in the newsletter and on the website were approved.

Jean Foreman gave the Treasurer's Report. As of February 29, 2016, there was \$5811.76 in the checking account and \$4234.09 in the scholarship fund. Jean reported that former superintendent Bonnie Ward has given a very generous donation to the scholarship fund.

Committee Reports:

Membership. Fay Miller welcomed the two new members who are present today at the meeting/luncheon, Jim Lupis and Sue Crooks. She stated that as president of the MRSPA, her motto will be "Membership Matters". Fay announced that Nancy Harrington will be the new membership chairperson.

Community Service. Terri Bostic reported that Sue Coleman has been nominated by the KCRSP Executive Committee for both the MRSPA Community Service Award and the Maryland AARP Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

MRSPA Issues. Fay Miller reported that there are several issues which will appear in the MRSPA newsletter. These will be voted on at the annual meeting.

1. It is proposed that emeritus status will be a recognition category instead of a membership category. If the new emeritus status is approved, members who reach 90 years of age will pay state dues after this rule goes into effect. Those members who already have the emeritus membership status will retain that status and be exempt from dues. Whether those over 90 years of age pay local dues will be a local issue.
2. It is proposed that there will be a dues increase.
3. It is proposed that a quorum must be present at committee meetings to vote on proposals.

Fay noted that Judy Zahren will be retiring as Executive Director of the MRSPA after 22 years. Fay was pleased to report that the MRSPA Health Trust will be able to pay her health benefits. Judy and Max Muller will be our guests at our June meeting.

Chances for the benefit of the MRSPA Scholarship Fund are available today at the meeting. The eligibility for the scholarship has been expanded to all classifications of employees, not just teachers and administrators.

Cliff School. Jean Foreman asked for volunteers to be docents when the school is open on the third Saturday of the month from May through October from 1 – 4 pm. The school is also going to have an open house on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 10 – 4. All members are encouraged to attend and members may also sign up as docents that day. Terri Bostic announced that the Sophie Kerr Questers is sponsoring a Washington D.C. bus trip on April 2, 2016 to benefit Cliff School and that seats are still available. (Note: As of 3/8/16, the bus is full. No more seats are available.)

Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Those participating in reading to Kent County elementary school students on Dr. Seuss' Birthday reported very positive experiences.

50-50 Raffle. Jim Lupis won the 50-50 raffle which netted \$41 for the scholarship fund.

Program. Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark presented a wonderful program about the history of Kent County Schools. Each member read a quotation from a Kent County Teacher from the past. Each reader had to guess the date of the event in the quotation. This was a fun and informative activity which allowed us to remember with fondness many Kent County teachers from the past. Kathy and Nancy cited their sources including those provided by Frances Gill, a former Kent County teacher. Nancy and Kathy will be continuing their project of compiling the history of schools in Kent County. All former Kent County teachers are encouraged to provide anecdotes and photos of their teaching experiences.

Lunch at Luisa's was voluminous and tasty, especially the hot milk sponge cake with marzipan icing.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic

Recording Secretary.