

## Minutes of the May 3, 2018 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting

Nancy Harrington convened the meeting at 10:05 am. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Terri Mullikin, Kathy Clark, Charlotte Potts, Billie Lynne Roberts, Margie Baker, Nancy Harrington, Sue Crooks, Betty Barbe, Jean Foreman, Lee Hunley, and Terri Bostic attended. The minutes were read and approved with one correction. Terri Mullikin's name had been spelled incorrectly.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasury balance is \$6246.68

Scholarship fund balance is \$6075.59, of which \$600.00 is the Lorraine Costella Fund.

### Old Business

Nancy Harrington reported on the Little Free Libraries. A small wooden house is placed in a location where it is safe and there is easy access. People may donate books and other items to the Little Free Library. There is already a Little Free Library in Chestertown and Betterton. Nancy already has a house that we may use. We are thinking of placing a Little Free Library at a location in Millington, MD. Asbury Church, the post office, the laundromat, and the antique store were suggested locations. These ideas will be presented at the general meeting on June 7, 2018.

### New Business

#### Scholarship

There were two applications for our scholarships this year. Both applications were from very deserving students and they will be awarded scholarships. One student will receive a \$2000 scholarship and the other student will receive a \$1400 scholarship and the \$600 Lorraine Costella Scholarship.

Billie Lynne Roberts writes thank you notes to those who contribute \$50 or more to the scholarship fund. She also writes acknowledgements to the family of those who are memorialized.

#### Cliff School

Jean Foreman reported that there is a potential sale of Cliffs School. If the sale happens, there will be an easement attached to the sale which would allow occasional public access and would preserve some elements of the building.

So far, the schedule of open houses for 2018 is in place and will be fulfilled.

Thanks to Sue Schauber and Ruth Wilson for helping with the cleanup.

#### Community Service

Billie Lynne Roberts and Sue Crooks reported that the applications for the AARP Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and the MRSPA Community Service Award have been submitted. Our nominee this year is Jean Foreman in recognition of her dedicated and excellent service to our organization and to our community. Congratulations, Jean!

## Legislative

Betty Barbe reported that the Maryland Legislature is out of session. There will be a ballot issue concerning a Constitutional Amendment which guarantees that the money generated by the MD Lottery will be used for education.

Terri Mullikin drew our attention to the school budget discussion at the County Commissioners meeting recently. This was reported on in the Kent County News and is available on YouTube. Commissioner Short questioned our present level of school funding.

## Membership

Nancy Harrington reported that we have 5 emeritus members: Rosemary Brown, Margaret Larson, Thelma O'Grady, Leah Schlenker, and Margaret Smith.

We are delighted to have 2 new members, Judith Gunter and Sharon Steward. They will be invited to our June meeting as guests.

We have recently lost 5 members: Betty Cooper, Betty Freeman, Marion Niskey, Miriam Cronshaw, and Lois Wood.

We have 95 members with a 2.15% increase. For the 2018-2019 year, we will be asked to increase our membership by 4%. MRSPA is offering a one-time \$10 incentive to members who are presently paying by check but who would like to change to automatic deduction. There is also a \$10 gift card incentive for any member who brings in a new member.

Sue Crooks and Nancy Harrington will be visiting new retirees before the school year ends.

## Trips

The Christmas bus trip will be on Nov. 7, 2018. The program will be The First Noel and lunch will be at Hershey Farm. The cost will be \$84.

## Program

Lee Hunley arranged for Ed Silver and Jennifer Martin to come to our luncheon at the Granary in June. They will be discussing our health insurance.

Kathy Clark reported that on the luncheon reservation sheet, there will be check offs for those who need transportation and those who are able to provide transportation.

A suggestion for a future program topic was the Technical Program at KCHS. Mark Buckell would be a good spokesman for the program.

## Food Pantry

Don't forget to bring items for the food pantry to the June luncheon. At the March meeting 8 lb. 3 oz. of food and 3 books were donated.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Recording Secretary