

September 3, 2015 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened by Dr. Barbara Wheeler at 10 am at the KCPL Annex. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Fay Miller, Winnie Walters, Ruth Wilson, Betty Barbe, Nancy Harrington, Kathy Clark, Emily Massey, Margie Wilson, Jean Foreman, Olythea Hunley, Barbara Wheeler, Billie Lynne Roberts and Terri Bostic attended.

The minutes of the May 7, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting were read and approved.

Treasure's Report: The treasury balance as of August 31, 2015 is \$6583.82. The scholarship fund balance is \$ 2574.13.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

On behalf of the KCRSPA, President Dr. Wheeler presented outgoing President Nancy Harrington with a beautiful expression of appreciation mounted in a solid glass frame.

President Dr. Wheeler presented an encouraging "President's Message" and a "President's Report" which included the following:

N. Harrington, Kathy Clark, Fay Miller, and Jean Foreman met with Barbara Wheeler to discuss the upcoming year.

We will request to get on a KC BOE agenda to advise them of our mission, to thank them for ongoing budget support, and to offer our support for KCPS. We also should provide input on the consolidation and redistricting and advocate for the budget to the County Commissioners.

A wireless microphone was purchase to enable everyone to hear at our general meetings.

The MRSPA Leadership Workshop is Sept. 29 in Easton at William Hill Manor from 9 am until 2 pm. Please contact Dr. Barbara Wheeler if you would like to attend.

Submit articles for the newsletter to Terri Mullikin at rockhallpixie@verizon.net.

Fay Miller distributed the 2015 – 2016 MRSPA Handbook and the KCRSPA Handbook. Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark volunteered to update the chapter history in the KCRSPA Handbook each year.

Committee Reports:

Archives: Winnie Walters reported that her work on these is ongoing.

Cliff School: Jean Foreman gave an extensive report thanking those who have volunteered to be docents. Visitors average 5 – 12 on Saturdays when the school is open. The painting at Cliff School has been completed and funds to be used for blackboard repair are being sought from grants and from the County Commissioners. Jean submitted a Kent News article about the 48-star flag which was donated by Shelby Strudwick to Cliff School through the Port of Chester Questers.

Community Service:

Billie Lynne Roberts reported that Fay Miller has been accepted into the AARP Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The induction celebration/dinner will be on October 22, 2015 at 11am in Glen Burnie. Reservations should be made by October 9, 2015. The announcement will be made at the general meeting on October 1, 2015.

Terri Mullikin has been recommended for her service to receive the National Retired Teachers Association service award.

There has been some success with members recording their volunteer hours on the reporting form in the newsletter.

Members are encouraged to continue to make donations to the Food Pantry.

Legislative:

Betty Barbe directed our attention to Action Line which has an article about the \$68 million which Governor Hogan tried to divert from the GCEI (geographic cost of education) to the pension fund. This proved to be illegal and now, according to the Action Line, Gov. Hogan has “carted it off” where it will sit until a year from now when it can be used by the Governor “for anything he pleases”.

Betty encouraged us to visit “marylandeducators.org/2015Scorecard” for a regional guide to your legislators’ education votes.

This year’s MRSPA Legislative Workshop will be held on November 4 in Annapolis.

Membership

The MRSPA has set its goal at 15,000 members by March 1, 2016 and is asking each local to increase its membership by 7%, which for us could be as few as 2 new unified members. Fay has been very active in contacting potential members including new retirees, who will be welcomed at the Oct. 1 meeting

Fay reported that the Emeritus Membership issue will continue to be explored and will be a topic of discussion at the upcoming legislative workshops.

Scholarship

Billie Lynne reported that the scholarship monies have paid to the appropriate colleges – two to Salisbury University and two to St. Mary's College.

Ray Gill and Sawyer Cornelius wrote thank you notes to the KCRSPA for awarding scholarships to them.

Billie Lynn encouraged everyone to contribute to the scholarship fund.

Trips

Ruth Wilson reported that the November trip is full but members could still be added to the waiting list.

Program

Kathy Clark reported that our October, March, and June meetings will be at Luisa's. The Christmas meeting will be at the CRYCC. We will be celebrating our 62nd Anniversary as an organization at the October meeting and Nancy Harrington is planning commemorative favors for those attending. Our guest speaker in October will be Dan MacLeod, IT Director for KCPS.

We received thank you notes from Judy Zahren and Max Muller for inviting them to the June luncheon. Max donated to our scholarship fund.

Hospitality

Emily Massey asked if we wanted to do the Chinese Auction again this year. We thought that would be a good idea and noted that last year the auction generated \$156 for the scholarship fund. She asked if we wanted to do the 50-50 raffle at the meetings and we agreed that we should.

Food Pantry

Margie Baker reported that our organization donated 22 books, \$15 in cash, 57.6 lbs. of food and 45 egg cartons in June 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic

Recording Secretary