

## KCRSPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10 am. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag.

Jean Wright, Jean Foreman, Terri Bostic, Margie Baker, Barbara Wheeler, Kathy Clark, Nancy Harrington, Fay Miller, Ruth Wilson, Terri Mullikin, Winnie Walters and Olythea Hunley attended.

The minutes of the November 4, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasury Balance as of January 31, 2016 is \$6053.76.

The Scholarship Fund balance as of January 31, 2016 is \$ 3044.28.

Jean Foreman reported that she will be formulating a budget for the 2016 – 2017 year. The date of Tuesday, February 16, 2016 was selected to formulate the budget. Nancy Harrington, Fay Miller and Kathy Clark volunteered to help Jean formulate the budget.

All members are encouraged to contribute to the scholarship fund. Donations made in memory of and in honor of people are greatly appreciated, as are all donations. These scholarships are very important to and appreciated by the recipients.

### OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Nancy Harrington, Kathy Clark, Jean Wright, Faye Miller, Winnie Walters and Margie Baker have volunteered to visit schools to read to students on March 2, 2016, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Principals have been contacted. Volunteers will have pencils and stickers to distribute to students.

History

Nancy Harrington and Kathy Clark reported that they had discovered a wealth of information about schools and teachers in Kent County in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century in the book, From Our Legacy 1976. There is much information about all of the schools that existed in earlier times and about teachers who taught in the county.

There were questions about what happens to artifacts and records housed in schools that have closed over the years and that will close in the future. It was agreed that the KCRSPA would like to help to preserve these artifacts and records.

Nancy Harrington will research the cost to have From Our Legacy 1976 rebound.

Nancy and Kathy distributed lists of the 28 elementary schools that existed in Kent County in the 1920's and lists of the students who attended those schools.

Members are asked to bring copies photos of their teaching careers, including their students, to the March meeting. These will be displayed at the June meeting.

#### New Business

The MRSPA Scholarship Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the March 2016 meeting.

A motion to have KCRSPA purchase liability insurance from MRSPA was unanimously approved. Jean Foreman will write the check for the liability insurance and will put this premium in the budget.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Cliff School

Jean Foreman reported that enough money has been raised to stabilize 4 of the 8 blackboards at Cliff School. The Port of Chester Questers will be conducting an Antique Roadshow-like fundraiser this fall to benefit the school. In a letter to Jean Foreman, Carol Cordes thanked the KCRSPA members who have been docents at Cliff School. Cliff School has a website. It is [kentcounty.com/cliffs-school-1](http://kentcounty.com/cliffs-school-1). Terri Bostic reported that the Sophie Kerr Questers is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the benefit of Cliff School on April 2, 2016. She distributed a brochure.

There was a suggestion that the Cliff School be incorporated in Chestertown's Harry Potter Weekend.

##### Annual Meeting

KCRSPA needs delegates to the MRSPA Annual Meeting on May 10, 2016. Issues that will be addressed are the emeritus membership issue, the increase in dues, and the issue of the sitting quorum. Nancy Harrington, Jean Wright, Terri Mullikin, and Winnie Walters volunteered to be voting delegates. Fay Miller and Barbara Wheeler will be attending, but will not be voting delegates.

##### Membership

Nancy Harrington volunteered to be membership chairman to replace Fay Miller. She and Fay will attend the April 20, 2016 meeting on membership. Barbara Wheeler will also be attending. Fay Miller said that as MRSPA President, her motto will be "Membership Matters".

The passing of Eloise Johnson was noted with sadness.

KCRSPA membership is holding at 90 unified members.

#### Legislative

Fay reported that the MRSPA legislative committee meets every 2 weeks to consider legislation and decide to support, oppose, or not take a stand on pending legislation. Fay suggested that members become friends with MSRPA on Facebook and also visit the MRSPA website to stay informed about legislative matters. Facebook will notify members of legislative developments. The Maryland State Government website is also a good place to find information about legislation. Terri Mullikin suggested that we invite Jay Jacobs to one of our future meetings.

#### Community Service

Billie Lynne Roberts sent in her report. She asked for nominees for the MRSPA Community Service Award and for the AARP Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. We nominated Sue Coleman for both awards in recognition of her extensive community service.

Billie Lynne thanked those who volunteered to help with the Kent County Christmas Food Drive. If you did volunteer, be sure to record that time on the community service form which comes in the newsletter. Be sure to include local boards on which you serve, as well as other service you perform for the community. These are all reported to the MRSPA by our president each year.

#### Scholarship

We have received many generous donations for our scholarship fund, a number of which were made in memory of our members. Billie Lynne Roberts writes thank you notes to those who donate in memory of people and she writes acknowledgements to the families of those who were honored.

Members should make a donation to the scholarship fund each year.

Billie Lynne has delivered the 2016 scholarship applications to the guidance department at KCHS and Terri Bostic will follow up by contacting the teachers and students in the KCHS Teacher's Academy.

#### Program

Kathy Clark reported that we will be meeting in March at Luisa's. The program will be the history of education in Kent County.

#### Constitution

Margie Baker reported that the Constitution does not require any revisions at this time.

### Food Bank

Margie Baker reported that at the December meeting there were the following donations: 25 pairs of gloves, 4 hat gloves and scarf sets, 21 girls briefs, 21 hats, 3 scarves, 9 toiletries, 75 lbs. of food, 2 jackets, 1 hat and glove set, 45 books, 8 egg cartons, and \$16 in cash. We received a thank you note from Sue Basener for these extraordinary donations.

### Sunshine

We told Jean Wright about cards that should be sent.

### Newsletter

Deadline is Saturday, February 13, 2016.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic

Recording Secretary