

10/04/2018 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 11:30 a.m. at The Granary in Georgetown, Maryland. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-eight people attended, including guests.

KCPS Teacher of the Year, Amelia Markosian, attended the luncheon as our guest. She teaches 6th grade science and ELA.

Fay Miller explained the upcoming changes in the health insurance and prescription coverage for retired school personnel over the age of 65. These changes will take effect on January 1, 2019. The vision and dental plans will not change. There will be an informational meeting at the B.O.E. at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Nancy Harrington and Sue Crooks welcomed the new members attending: Betty Weller, Nancy Howard, and Amy Crowding.

Brenda Shorter informed us that there are plans to start a KCRSPA book club.

There will be a different scholarship fundraiser at the December luncheon this year.

The American Music Theater trip will be on Nov. 7, 2018. The cost is \$85 and there is a wait list.

Nancy Harrington reported that we need three more members to reach our membership goal for the year.

Brenda Shorter won the 50/50 raffle.

After a delicious lunch, Airlee Ringgold Johnson was our guest speaker. After graduating from Garnet High School, Mrs. Johnson earned a B.S. in business administration. She lived in New York, Atlanta, Germany and Montgomery County Maryland. She had several professional careers, including in the fashion industry and real estate. After returning to Kent County in 2002, Mrs. Johnson became active in the Kent County Historical Society, as the Legacy Day chair, in the Social Action Committee, and in other community organizations. Her engaging and profound presentation was about the desegregation of Kent County Schools in the 1960's and included many references to interviews of students and teachers who were in the schools at the time. She distributed a Historical Society of Kent County publication: Integrating Kent County Public Schools: The Early Years. We are grateful to Airlee Johnson for this, her second presentation to our group. We hope she will return in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Secretary

