

## Minutes from the September 4, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting was held in the KCPL Annex building. The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Harrington at 10:00 am. Attending were Nancy Harrington, Terri Mullikin, Jean Foreman, Betty Barbe, Ruth Wilson, Margie Baker, Terri Bostic, Winnie Walters, Fay Miller and Bonnie Smith. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy Harrington commended those who met this summer to work on the by-laws, programs and hospitality.

The minutes were read and approved.

The balance in the treasury was \$ 6078.28.

The balance in the scholarship fund was \$ 4519.82.

### Announcements:

Nancy Harrington announced that there will be a Leadership Training Seminar in Cambridge on Sept. 23 from 9 – 1. Fay Miller and Nancy Harrington will be attending. \*\*We would like additional members to go to this seminar. If you are interested, call Nancy 410-928-3273.

We are looking for a member from the Eastern Shore to serve on the Community Service Committee.

We are looking for an Area (Cecil, Kent, Talbot, QA, Caroline) Director of MRSPA.

We received notes from Max Muller and Judy Zahren thanking us for hosting each of them at the June 2013 luncheon at the Fishwhistle.

### Programs:

The October meeting will be at Waterman's in Rock Hall. The cost will be \$19.00. Jay Jacobs will be the speaker. A representative for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters will also be attending. Fay Miller will share information about Abenity. Recent retirees will be invited to join.

The December meeting will be at the CRYCC and will feature a Chinese Auction.

The March meeting will be at Louisa's in Chestertown.

The June meeting will be at the Fishwhistle. We will be inviting Max Muller, Judy Zahren, and the Kent County Teacher of the Year for the 2014-2015 school year.

### Archives:

Winnie Walters is continuing to add to the archives.

### Cliff School:

Jean Foreman and Terri Bostic asked for volunteers to help with the Port of Chester Antiques Seminar the proceeds of which will be used for the restoration and preservation of the Cliff School.

### Community Service:

Margie Baker received several honors: Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and the AARP Community Service Award for Maryland. So far Jean Foreman, Nancy Harrington, and Betty Barbe have signed up to go to the luncheon in Glen Burnie on Thursday, October 23, 2014 which will honor Margie and others

who have become members of the MSCHF. \*\*Members who would like to attend should call Nancy Harrington at 410-928-3273. Laretta Freeman has engaged a bus to transport the Kent County delegation. We voted to reimburse Margie the \$175 she paid for her name to appear in the MSCHF booklet. We will take a photo at the meeting and then Nancy will write an article for the Tidewater Trader, the Kent County News, and the Chestertown Spy to accompany the photo.

#### Constitution/by-laws:

New by-laws were reviewed and the following decisions were made:

- that the area Director should not be on the executive committee.
- that retired private school teachers should not be members of KCRSP
- that Nancy will call Pat Clarke to ask her to audit our books
- that the President should act as assistant treasurer
- that we will bring the new by-laws before the entire membership for a vote at the October meeting.

#### Hospitality:

Bonnie Smith reported that she has planned for all of the meetings.

#### Membership:

Fay Miller reported that we are maintaining our numbers. 2 members have not yet paid their dues. There were 12 retirees this year and they will be invited to the October meeting as our guests. There was a question about when local-only members should be billed. It was decided that they should be billed in July. Fay will do the billing and the dues will be sent to Jean Foreman, our Treasurer. Nancy suggested that the local-only members be given a card as evidence of membership in the KCRSPA.

#### MRSPA Matters:

The annual meeting will be on May 12, 2015 at Turf Valley. It is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MRSPA. Emeritus members will be honored at the meeting. Miriam Chronshaw and Peggy Smith will be our emeritus members. A dues increase will be under consideration at the annual meeting. Theresa Lochte is up for re-election as our trustee to the state retirement system.

#### Legislative:

Betty Barbe encouraged us to pay close attention to the upcoming elections. Many candidates have positions that concern education and pensions. State Legislative Day is November 20, 2014.

#### Newsletter:

Have articles to Terri Mullikin by Sept. 10, 2014. Please submit in pdf format since Terri uses a Mac.

#### Trip:

Ruth Wilson reported that 3 – 6 more people are needed to fill the bus.

#### Nominating:

Peggy Smith and Miriam Chronshaw will continue to be the nominating committee.

Sunshine:

Jean Wright will continue to take care of this.

Scholarship:

We received thank you notes from Kirsten Moore and Emily Voshell, each of whom received a \$1200 scholarship from us. Kirsten will be attending Washington College and Emily will be attending Chesapeake College. Billie-Lynne thanked members for donating to the scholarship fund and encouraged us to donate again this year.

Food Bank:

Margie delivered 53 lbs. of food and many books from the June meeting. Our goal is to keep accurate records of the service we give to the community, including what we give to the food bank.

Other:

We will continue to maintain the KCRSPA web page.

We will continue to attract new members.

We will continue to collect new ideas for programs. Contact Nancy if you have one.

We will continue to publicize the many things we do for the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Recording Secretary