

## February 5, 2015 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened by President Nancy Harrington at the KCPL Annex at 10 am. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attending were Nancy Harrington, Betty Barbe, Fay Miller, Jean Foreman, Jean Wright, Billie-Lynne Roberts, Margie Baker, Winnie Walters, Bonnie Smith, Cathy Clark, and Terri Bostic.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's report:     \$ 5526.45 KCRSPA Balance as of January 31, 2015

                               \$ 5770.96 KCRSPA Balance as of January 31, 2015

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fay Miller was nominated to be our candidate for the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

Terri Mullikin was nominated to be our candidate for the MRSPA Community Service Award.

There is also an AARP Community Service Award. We would like to nominate Sue Coleman for that award.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday: Billie-Lynne Roberts, Winnie Walters, Jean Wright, Fay Miller, Terri Mullikin, Betty Barbe, Nancy Harrington, Sue Coleman and Margie Baker have volunteered to read to students. Nancy Harrington will contact principals to plan for our visits to elementary schools.

Several of our members participated in the assembly and distribution of 450 Christmas Food and Toy baskets on December 15, 2014. KCRSPA donated \$25 to the Christmas Basket Committee of Kent Co.

We are having some success with our new volunteer hour record sheet. 650 hours were recorded from Aug. – Dec.

Margie Baker reported that our organization donated 38 lbs. of food, 20 books, and \$25 to the Food Bank in October. We donated 58 lbs. of food, 14 pairs of gloves, 16 hats, 1 coat, 1 scarf, 4 egg cartons, and \$25 in December.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Terri Bostic will deliver the KCRSPA Scholarship information to Noel Morris, sponsor of the Future Teachers Association at KCHS. The Scholarship information has already been delivered

to Tynette Whiting at KCHS and she has notified students of it through e-mail. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2015. The Awards Assembly will be May 20, 2015.

We will send \$25 to the MRSPA toward scholarships for people in education who are working toward certification.

Members should consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Donation forms will be in the newsletter.

## NEWLETTER

Carol Hague will be contacted to write a tribute to Doris Lill.

## PROGRAMS/HOSPITALITY

We recognized Bonnie Smith and Emily Massey for planning the very enjoyable December Christmas meeting and successful Chinese auction for the benefit of the KCRSPA Scholarship.

Our next meeting will be held at Luisa's Restaurant in Chestertown on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 11am. The cost will be \$19. Marsha Miller will be our guest as a prospective member. Trish McGee will be our guest speaker.

Margie Baker reminded members to bring donations to the Food Bank of food, books, toiletries and egg cartons to the March meeting.

The guest at our June meeting will be Flo Terrell, the KC Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015.

## LEGISLATIVE

There was a discussion of how recent changes proposed to the Maryland budget will affect Kent County Public Schools. Class sizes have already increased over the last 6 – 8 years. There are some restrictions related to the closing of school state bonds are involved. Moving the BOE from Rock Hall to KCHS is again being discussed. "Buyouts", especially those that offered enhanced healthcare benefits, have proved to be very expensive for the county.

Information about County-by-County impacts can be located by googling Maryland Boards of Education.

KCRSPA should carefully watch for information about our pensions. If Gov. Hogan appoints a commission to study the pension system, that would be a danger sign. We should watch local office holders' and school officials' actions and statements regarding our healthcare benefits and we should give our input to these officials.

If you become a Facebook friend of MRSPA, you will receive daily updates about political issues concerning us.

Betty Barbe plans to send a general e-mail to members regarding political issues that concern us. We plan to put an item in the newsletter to remind members about legislative and local concerns.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Peggy Smith and Miriam Chronshaw are looking for someone to be the Vice-President of the KCRSPA.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The MRSPA Annual Business Meeting will be held On May 12, 2015 at the Turf Valley Resort and Spa in Ellicott City, MD. Nancy needs photos for our Community Service trifold, which will be displayed at the annual business meeting.

#### CLIFF SCHOOL

Jean Forman read a letter for Carol Cordes for the Port of Chester Questers. That group is proceeding with the painting of the school and has applied for a MD Questers grant for that purpose. The Sophie Kerr Questers has applied for a MD Questers grant to repair the blackboards. Jean asked for volunteers for the annual Cliff School cleanup, for docents for the third Saturdays of May – October, and for the Fall Fest at Turner's Creek.

#### CONSTITUTION

The by-laws were accepted at our December 2014 meeting.

#### MEMBERS

Fay Miller reported. Since 03/01/14, we have gained 7 new members. Welcome to our newest member, Robert Brown. 88 members are dual members. MRSPA is in sight of reaching its goal of 15,000 members for the 2014-2015 year. As an incentive to CURRENT MEMBERS who pay by check or credit card each year, MRSPA is offering a one-time reduction in membership dues of \$10 for those authorizing automatic dues deduction from their July retirement check. An authorization form is available by contacting the MRSPA office at 410-551-1517, or by email at [mrspa@mrspa.org](mailto:mrspa@mrspa.org).

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Recording Secretary

