

May 5, 2016 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the KCPL Annex Building. Attending were President Barbara Wheeler, Margie Baker, Jean Wright, Nancy Harrington, Winnie Walters, Billie Lynne Roberts, Ruth Wilson, Terri Bostic, Olythea Hunley, and Betty Barbe.

The minutes of the February 4, 2016 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting were read and the following amendments were made:

The scholarship account balance as of January 31, 2016 was changed to \$3958.77.

Betty Barbe was added to the list of Dr. Seuss Day volunteers.

Fay Miller will not be going to the May 10, 2016 MRSPA Annual Meeting due to recovery from surgery.

The amended minutes were approved.

Treasurer Jean Foreman reported that as of May 1, 2016 the treasury balance is \$5740.53. The scholarship account balance as of May 1, 2016 is \$4905.79.

President Barbara Wheeler noted that KCRSPA has purchased MRSPA liability insurance which was listed as an expense in the treasurer's report.

Also noted were the many generous donations to the scholarship fund including a \$300 donation in honor of Billie Lynne Roberts.

Old Business:

Nancy Harrington reported that Dr. Seuss Day was very successful and that the volunteers were well-received.

Nancy Harrington reported that the compilation of the history of the schools that have existed in Kent County is a work in progress. The cost of restoring From Our Legacy was found to be too expensive. Instead, Nancy has copied quotations from Kent County teachers that appeared in From Our Legacy. These will be bound and copies will be available. Nancy will be checking on several companies which are capable of completing the project. There will be a display at the June 2016 General Meeting.

New Business:

President Wheeler noted that she received a thank you note from Debbie Chance which expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended to her at our Christmas Luncheon.

Billie Lynne Roberts announced that the Lions Club of Kent County sent us a thank you note for the KCRSPA \$25.00 donation to the Kent County Christmas Basket Committee.

President Wheeler reported on the MRSPA Board of Directors Meeting. There, the Board agreed that emeritus membership would no longer be offered to those turning 90 effective 2017 – 2018. The Board also voted to increase dues by \$10.00 for the 2017 – 2018 year. Both of these issues will come to a final vote at the May 10, 2016 Annual Meeting.

On April 20, 2016, President Barbara Wheeler, Nancy Harrington, and Fay Miller attended and all day workshop at the MRSPA office dedicated to membership. President Wheeler distributed a list of practices that would increase membership and retain members. President Wheeler will present these ideas at the June 2016 General Meeting.

Budget Committee

Jean Foreman presented the budget which was formulated by the Budget Committee. Members of the Budget Committee are Jean Foreman, Nancy Harrington, Fay Miller, and Kathy Clark.

The 2016 KCRSPA Budget is as follows:

Income:

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| Dues | \$1290.00 |
| MRSPA Postage Allowance | \$ 45.00 |
| Lunch Reservations | \$2800.00 |
| Scholarships | \$1200.00 |
| Music Theater | \$3500.00 |
| Total | \$8835.00 |

Expenses:

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| Necrology | \$ 25.00 |
| Gifts | \$ 150.00 |
| Scholarship | \$1200.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 100.00 |
| Postage | \$1100.00 |
| Luncheons | \$2600.00 |
| Music Theater | \$1620.00 |
| Dawson Bus | \$ 845.00 |
| Restaurant | \$ 700.00 |
| Hospitality | \$ 135.00 |
| MRSPA Scholarship | \$ 25.00 |
| MRSPA Liability Ins. | \$ 25.00 |
| MRSPA Web Site | \$ 15.00 |
| Dr. Seuss | \$ 90.00 |
| Lion Club Baskets | \$ 25.00 |
| Printing Print Shop | \$ 75.00 |
| Archives | \$ 25.00 |
| Annual Meeting | \$ 80.00 |
| Total | \$8835.00 |

Nominating Committee

President Wheeler asked for information about officers and committee members. Nancy Harrington is asking for a volunteer to help her on the membership committee. Billie Lynne Roberts asked for a volunteer to help her on the Community Service Committee.

Scholarship

There was a discussion of how to refine our scholarship criteria so that financial need and other factors will be considered in addition to the other criteria presently being used. It was suggested that the deadline for the application submission be changed to March 30 instead of April 30 so that more time would be allowed for a committee to consider the applications. There were six applications this year. Two awardees for scholarships of \$1200 each were selected and they will be announced at the KCHS Awards Ceremony. There were several donations made in honor of former superintendent Lorraine Costella's 80th birthday. A group of 5 women associated with Dr. Costella has expressed the intention to of giving an annual contribution of \$400 to the scholarship fund. Billie Lynn Roberts will refer to the generous donations given by former superintendents Lorraine Costella and Bonnie Ward at the Awards Assembly.

Newsletter

The newsletter will go out on May 9, 2016.

Program

In June the luncheon/meeting will be held at the Kitty Knight House at 11:00 a.m. The KCPS Teacher of the 2015 – 2016 school year will be the speaker. We will be asking attendees to give us information about their interests at the meeting. Olythea Hunley will be the greeter at the meeting. Max Muller and Judy Zahren will be our guests and they will be introduced by President Barbara Wheeler.

Community Service

Congratulations to Terri Mulliken who will be receiving the Thanks Badge from the Girl Scouts Council.

Sue Coleman has won the 2016 MRSPA Volunteer Service Award. She will be given this award at the May 10, 2016 Annual Meeting.

Billie Lynne will announce these awards at the June meeting.

Food Pantry

Please remember to bring donations to the Community Food Pantry to the June meeting. At the March meeting contributions were \$15, 15 lbs. of food, 5 egg cartons, and 5 books.

Trips

Ruth Wilson reported that the plans for the fall trip to Lancaster are going well. This year the meal will be at Hershey Farms.

Cliff School

Clean-up day was held on April 14, 2016. Thanks to Sue Schaubert, Ruth Wilson, Olythea Hunley, Emily Massey and Joe Diamond for helping. Cliff School will be opened for visitors on the third Saturday of the month, May through October from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Cliff School will be open on May 28th 10:30 – 12:30. Open House will be on June 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Volunteer docents for all days the school will be open would be much appreciated. Call Jean Foreman at 410-778-3098 to volunteer. You will be one of three docents during your time slot.

Legislative

There were 380 bills introduced in the Maryland General Assembly that concerned education. How to reduce college costs and student loans were among the subjects of the bills. Betty Barbe mentioned that there are “fenced off” funds totaling \$19,000,000 in teachers’ retirement funds and \$6,000,000 in funds for aging schools. There are efforts to persuade the Governor to “unfence” these funds.

Membership

KCSPA membership is holding at 90 members. We welcome Susan S. Clark to our unified membership. Congratulations to Peggy Smith who will become a state emeritus member in 2016 – 2017. We remember with sadness the passing this year of several of our members: Betty Simperts, Art Engle, Clarence Hawkins, and Eloise Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic,
Recording Secretary