

October 6, 2016 KCRSPA General Meeting

At 11:30 President Barbara Wheeler called the meeting to order at Louisa's Restaurant in Chestertown, MD. We said the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag. President Wheeler read an inspirational poem about enjoying retirement. 33 members and guests were present.

President Wheeler noted that the 06/02/16 general meeting minutes and the 09/01/16 executive committee meeting minutes were posted on the KCRSPA website and in The Bell Ringer.

Treasurer Jean Foreman reported that as of Sept. 1, 2016 the treasury balance was \$7468.85. The scholarship account balance as of Sept. 1, 2016 was \$3585.29. Treasurer Foreman also reported that our books were audited by Pat Clarke, who donated her \$50 fee to the KCRSPA Scholarship Fund.

President Wheeler welcomed the newly retired teachers who were our guests at lunch. They were Jan White, Patricia Davis, and Sharon Steward. President Wheeler also welcomed Rebecca Bigelow, Kent County Teacher of the Year, and Denise Jones, Support Person of the Year who were also our guests at lunch.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Fay Miller reported that the MRSPA website will have a new format starting tomorrow and she encouraged us to review it.

Cliff School: Jean Foreman reported that Cliff School will be open on Saturday, October 15, 2016 for the last time until May 2017. She thanked all those who have been docents this year.

Community Service: Billie Lynne Roberts congratulated Sue Coleman for her 2016 KCRSPA and MRSPA Volunteer Service Awards. In addition, Sue Coleman has been accepted into the AARP Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and has been awarded the AARP Andrus Award. A sign-up sheet to attend the October 27, 2016 AARP Hall of Fame Award Luncheon was passed around.

Consumer Education

We are seeking someone from the Eastern Shore to be on the state Consumer Education Committee

Scholarship: Billie Lynne Roberts reported that the scholarship fund received a generous donation in recognition of Dr. Costella's 80th birthday. This year, KCRSPA awarded two \$1200

scholarships. Next year there will be a committee to formulate criteria for the scholarship award and to select the recipients. Terri Bostic will serve on the scholarship committee with Billie Lynne. We think that one new criterion will be matriculation in the Teacher Academy at KCHS, which is part of the Career and Technology program there. Students in that program create extensive portfolios about their experiences in the Teacher Academy and other education-related activities. The scholarship committee will consider those portfolios as well.

Membership

Nancy Harrington reported that we have 90 members and that all three of the recently retired teachers attending the luncheon today have joined KCRSPA. Nancy referred to MRSPA President Fay Miller's slogan, "Membership matters. Especially yours." Nancy also reported that the new KCRSPA Directory will be distributed at the December general meeting.

Legislative

Betty Barbe reported that those in charge of the investments in our pension fund are moving away from using so many money managers to using indexed funds which will save money and give the pension fund a better return.

Vice president Jean Wright said grace before lunch.

Program

After lunch, Kathy Clark and Nancy Harrington showed us the tri-fold on which we all put stars representing our individual service to the community. Then, they continued on the theme of community service by asking individual members to tell about service organizations to which they belong. Among those who reported were Sue Coleman (Debbie's Angels and Homeports), Margie Baker (Food Bank), Eileen Hahn (Pickelball), and Olythea Hunley (Kent County Aging).

The 50-50 raffle raised \$52 for the scholarship fund. Our new member, Sharon Steward won the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic
Recording Secretary

