

Minutes of the September 6, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Attending were Jean Wright, Sharon Gordon, Nancy Harrington, Sue Crooks, Brenda Shorter, Charlotte Potts, Lee Hunley, Margie Baker, Terri Bostic, Winnie Walters, Jean Foreman, Sharon Gordon and Carole Lupis.

President Jean Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 at the Annex to the KCPL. We said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the 05/03/2108 Executive Committee of the KCRSPA meeting were read and approved.

Jean Foreman presented the Treasurer's Report. The treasury account balance as of August 31, 2018 was \$7335.14. The balance of the Scholarship Fund was \$2236.56.

The 2018 – 2019 KCRSPA Budget was also presented and approved.

Jean reported that the KCRSPA accounting will be audited by Pat Clarke.

New Business

There was a long discussion about the BOE's proposed changes to the retiree's health package. (An explanation appears elsewhere in the newsletter.) As a result of the discussion, we decided that we should invite Ed Silver to attend the October meeting or that we should have a separate meeting where we could express our views about the proposed changes. We were concerned because the retired school personnel do not have a representative in the Eastern Shore Consortium which makes these decisions. Sharon Gordon wants to see who will receive the savings – the BOE or the retired school personnel. Sharon will contact Ed Silver to arrange a meeting or to get some of the questions answered. She will also contact Marsha Miller and Fay Miller. Terri Bostic reported that in a recent conversation with Ed Silver, he said that the less expensive plan may not be offered for fear that retirees may choose the less expensive plan and not be able to get back in the more expensive plan when they need to.

Jean Wright reported that Wanda Twigg, our executive director, recommended our support of Ballot Question 1 which guarantees that certain gambling revenue will go to education in Maryland. This question will appear on the Maryland ballot on the midterm election ballot on November 6, 2018.

There will be a KCRSPA Leadership Conference on September 26 and 27, 2018 in Linthicum, MD. Jean is unable to attend but Fay will be attending.

At the July 2018 Leadership meeting, there was a question of whether local retired school personnel's associations could be covered by the MRSPA liability insurance. The answer was no, but the MRSPA recommendation was that local organizations obtain their own liability insurance. Winnie Walters will ask Fay Miller about this.

Jean Wright announced that there was a movement by the Kent County Board of Education to encourage or require all students from grades 8 – 12 to read Tigerland by Wil Haygood. Donations are requested to help pay for books to be provided to the students.

Old Business

Nancy Harrington reported that, so far, a location for the Little Free Library has not been found.

Committee Reports

Archives

Jean Wright submitted a 1998 article about some of our members and the Cliffs School. Winnie Walters reported that the obituary of Sylvia Crews will be archived.

Membership

There were 8 retirees in 2018 and they all will be invited to our October 4 luncheon as our guests. We have two recent new members: Sud Deringer and Betty Weller. They also will be invited to our luncheon. We will also be inviting the KC Teacher of the Year and the KC Support Person of the Year. We had three former members who have not rejoined and we will be reaching out to them to remind them to join. Our goal this year is to increase our membership by 3 members. Please encourage any members you know to attend our meetings.

Cliffs School

Jean Wright gave a detailed report about the sale of Cliffs School. Her report, in its entirety, will appear in the Newsletter.

Scholarship

Billie Lynne Roberts sent in a report that she received letters of appreciation from both Drew Baker (St. Mary's College) and Sarah Collins (Washington College), who received \$2000 each from our scholarships in 2108. \$600 of Drew's scholarship was from the Lorraine Costella Scholarship Fund. We encourage everyone to make donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Community Service

Billie Lynne Roberts sent in a report which congratulated Jean Foreman for her dedicated service to our organization and the community. In recognition of her service, Jean will be inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. The luncheon honoring the inductees will be held on October 25, 2018 at Michaels in Glen Burnie from 11 am until 2 pm. Tickets are \$28. Reservations may be made as late as October 5, 2018. If you would like to attend, please contact Jean Foreman.

Trips

Nancy Harrington reported that the Nov. 7, 2018 American Theater trip is full with a waiting list. Participants will be meeting in front of the Tractor Supply Store in Kent Plaza. PLEASE NOTE: This is a change of departure places from previous years. Return time will be at 5 pm.

Food Pantry

24 lbs. of food were donated to the food pantry at the June general meeting.

Program

The October 4th General Meeting will be at the Granary. The guest speaker has yet to be determined. Carole Lupis reported that possible future speakers at meetings are Airlee Ringgold Johnson, Madhu Sidhu, and Keith Wharton.

Nominating Committee

There are no members of the nominating committee. Among the offices which need volunteers for 2019 – 2021 are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and nominating committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Bostic, Secretary