

Minutes from the September 7, 2017 KCRSPA Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10 am at the Kent County Public Library Annex Building.

Jean Wright, Kathy Clark, Sue Crooks, Nancy Harrington, Charlotte Potts, Carol Lupis, Lee Hunley, Betty Barbe, Terri Bostic and Jean Foreman attended.

Minutes: The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jean Foreman reported that there is a balance of \$7312.24 as of 09/01/17. The scholarship fund balance is \$3477.65. Of that balance, \$100 is part of the Lorraine Costella Scholarship Fund. Jean Foreman also presented the 2017 – 2018 budget which was \$10,065 income and \$10,065 expenses.

Old Business

The next general meeting will be held at the Harbor House in Chesapeake Landing. Because the Harbor House is not usually open for lunch, there is extra expense involved with this luncheon. It will cost \$22 instead of the usual \$20. There will be an excellent menu, including a crab cake option.

Jean Wright reported that there will be a Full Leadership Workshop in Easton on Tues, Sept. 19, 2017. Registration will be at 9 am and the conference will be from 9:30 am – 2 pm. Attending from KCRSPA will be Jean Wright, Nancy Harrington, Sue Crooks, and Barbara Wheeler. If Barbara Wheeler is unable to attend, Kathy Clark will attend in her place.

The Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 11 am. The cost for a reservation is \$23. Betty Barbe from KCRSPA will be awarded membership in the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame at this meeting. We hope that many of us will be able to attend to enjoy the day with Betty. Sign up will be at the KCRSPA general meeting on October 5, 2017.

Cliff School: Jean Foreman reported that the Kent County Commissioners have authorized the county grounds crew to provide upkeep of the grounds of Cliffs School. She reported that, as a result, the Cliffs School property looks beautiful. An email from Carol Cordes included the following: Thanks to Jean Wright, Ruth Wilson, Terri Mullikin, Emily Massey, Lee Hunley, Jean Foreman, Nancy Harrington, Fay Miller, and Barbara Wheeler for volunteering to be docents from June – October. There have been 84 visitors since April. The ceiling around the stovepipe has been repaired and painted thanks to Rick Austen. Ken Milton has almost finished the blackboards and his area is cleaned up. There may be a fundraiser this fall. Ralph Dowling, President of Peoples Bank, is working on this.

Terri Bostic, who attended the Kent County Commissioners meeting when County ownership was considered, reported that Kent County will not take ownership of the property, but will consider fund requests in the future. Kathy Clark asked if there was a written commitment from the commissioners to help with upkeep.

Nancy Harrington volunteered to help thin out the lilac bushes on the Cliffs School property. Kathy Clark volunteered to bring the tri-fold display about Kent County small schoolhouses to Cliffs School for display.

Community Service: Carol Lupis suggested that instead of bringing things for the Food Pantry at the October meeting/luncheon, that we bring cleaning items for hurricane victims. There will be a list of items needed in the newsletter this month.

Billie Lynne Roberts sent in a report and request for volunteers to help with the community service awards. She also inquired about the status of the volunteer report forms that used to appear in the newsletter.

Membership: Nancy Harrington ecstatically reported that we have 93 members for a 6.9% increase – the highest increase in the state. We are also the first chapter in the state to achieve our membership goal. We have 3 Emeritus members and 7 new members. Carole Coleman became a unified member, Marleen Vosburg has rejoined and Dale Atkinson transferred to KCRSPA from AA County. New members are: Larry Adams, Sue Bedwell, Paul Blumberh, Nina Newlin, and Debbie Smith. The following new retirees should be encouraged to join: Patricia Callahan, Dorothy Grussing, Jo Ann Keeley, Linda Porter, Diane Reynolds, Kathy Seip, Kathleen Jones, and Donna Bedwell. Each retiree will be invited to the October luncheon in addition to the Kent County Teacher and Support Person of the Year.

Legislative: Betty Barbe reported that there will be a Legislative Workshop on Nov. 14, 2017 at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. This meeting will concentrate on retirement and pensions and on how to access the MRSPA website. Members of the state legislative committee are invited as are the chapter presidents and legislative chairs. Others may attend for a nominal fee. Starting in January, Betty will be attending regular state legislative meetings. Kathy Clark suggested that members go to the AARP website to get information on how to protect Medicare and Medicaid which are in danger of being changed.

Scholarship: Billie Lynne Roberts sent a report on the scholarships. Meaghan Doyle's KCRSPA scholarship of \$2000 was sent to Frostburg. Lily Willis' Lorraine Costella scholarship of \$800 was sent to Wesley College. Members are encouraged to continue to contribute to the scholarship funds.

Sunshine: Please let Jean Wright know if there is anyone who should receive a card.

Trips/Social Events: Nancy Harrington thanked Ruth Wilson for her help in getting the 2017 trip together. The trip will be on Nov. 8, 2017 to the American Music Theater. Dinner will be at Hershey Farms. There are 4 seats available. Seats cost \$82. The date for the 2018 trip is Wed., Nov. 7, 2018.

Nancy needs volunteers to help with social events and trips.

Lee Hunley asked if we may still use the parking lot in front of JBK's for pickup for our trips.

Newsletter: Deadline for submissions for the newsletter is Sept 13. The newsletter will be sent out on Sept. 15.

Program/Hospitality: Nancy McCloy will help Kathy Clark with the centerpieces and favors at the October general meeting/luncheon at the Harbor Shack. There will be a gift for the Teacher of the Year and the Support person of the Year. Celebration of our membership will be the program. Lee Hunley will be the welcomer at the meeting. In December, Fay Miller and the new MRSPA Executive Director will be the program. There will also be a Chinese Auction.

Nominating: Carol Lupis reported that Terri Mullikin has agreed to be secretary next year if someone else will do the newsletter. At this point, she is looking for someone to be the apprentice newsletter compiler. This apprentice would learn how to do the newsletter and then take over the job next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Bostic, Secretary

