

**Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2019**

In attendance: Linda King, Tom Slater, Irene Bailey, Brenda Banko, Nancy Gordon, Claudia Harrington, Carroll Kehne, Brenda Martz, Shirley McDonald, Sally McMurry, Bill Price, Sally Smith, Cindy Stull, Debbie Thackston, Marsha Wise

Unable to attend: Judy Brandenburg, Bob Humphrey, Beryl Long, Joe Polce, Sharon Rectanus, Shirley Stroup

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 16, 2018 Board Meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported a balance of \$9,443.10 in the checking account and \$6,044.68 in the Money Market account. The report was approved subject to audit.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. **AARP Liaison:** No report.
2. **Archives:** No report.
3. **Auditing:** No report.
4. **Community Service:** Irene Bailey shared that 201 toys and \$70 were collected at the December 2018 Brunch which were taken to "Toys for Tots", along with many toiletries taken to FCPS for distribution by Community Liaisons.
5. **Consumer Education:** No report. A chairperson is needed for this sub-committee.
6. **E-Mail Tree:** No report.
7. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy:** Joe Polce had sent board members a copy of his article for the next newsletter. Highlights: The hearing aid issue has been resolved by FCPS and CareFirst. There will be a slight increase in Part B Premiums and members who elect the additional amounts in the Dental Plan will have increases from \$1000 to \$1500 and \$2000 to \$2500. Several new services are now available including MyEyeDr and psychotherapy services.
8. **Legislative:** Bill Price had attended an MRSPA Legislative Committee meeting this morning and reported the legislature will work on additional school funding determined by the passing of Question 1. He also noted that locals who schedule meetings with members of their delegations can receive some reimbursement from MRSPA to help with expenses.
8. **Membership:** Marsha Wise reported the membership is currently 729 with 39 local members for a total of 768 members. There were 17 non-renewals and 15 deaths so far this year. Member rosters will be sent to all members on an annual basis. Several recruiting ideas

were shared. Several Board members will be attending a regional MRSPA Membership Workshop in Frederick on January 24th.

9. **Nominations:** Sharon Rectanus will again run as secretary and Shirley McDonald as treasurer. There was discussion about the president-elect and past-president positions on the board. Changes would require a by-law amendment. There was also discussion about the need for a regular substitute for the secretary. **Motion: The secretary has the authority to designate a regular substitute when necessary on a trial basis. The motion passed.**

10. **Publication: Articles are due to Sue Heller (stheller53@comcast.net) now!**

11. **Remembrance and Sunshine:** Brenda Martz reported that 19 cards had been sent to family members and individuals; there were three deaths since the last board meeting.

12. **Social:** Brenda and Sally reported that there were 169 reservations for the December Brunch. The March 12th Buffet Luncheon will be held at Dutch's Daughter at a cost of \$25.00. Brenda Banko resigned as co-chair of the Social Committee. She recommends Patsy Eavey to fill that position. **(Thanks, Brenda, for your work on this committee!)**

13. **Scholarship:** Nancy shared that there is \$3000 available for scholarships from the Community Foundation. **Motion: To add \$1500 to the FCRSPA Scholarship Fund in order to award three \$1500 scholarships for the 2019 year. The motion passed.** (The FCRSPA/Richard and Pat Petre fund has \$3500 available for scholarships.)

14. **Website:** Carroll Kehne asked that calendar year dates for Member Meetings and Board of Director Meetings be selected to put on the website. Several dates have been chosen: October 8, Luncheon at Lewistown Ruritan Center and December 10, Brunch at Dutch's Daughter.

15. **President's Report:** Linda's activities included continued search for a Community Service Project, reading newsletters from other local units, communicating with membership team about local area MRSPA Workshop, reviewing January MRSPA Membership Reports. Priscilla Rall will be the speaker at the March Membership meeting telling of her personal Veteran's History.

16. **New Business:**

a. Shirley McDonald shared information on the Kirwan Commission whose charge is to discover needs of the Education System and find funding to meet those needs. She requested permission to place an invitation to FCRSPA members to attend an informational meeting with Joy Schaffer at the C. Burr Artz Library on Feb. 9th, 10:00-11:00. The commission is currently at a standstill awaiting next year's funding formula. A bus is available for those interested to attend a rally in March (through FCTA).

b. **Book Repair Project:** Jaime Thurman, a volunteer working with Mary Jo Richmond, will set a date and time to meet with volunteers. Information will be in the newsletter.

c. **April Social:** Linda is looking for help in planning a social for April. Debbie Thackston volunteered to help. Need location, date, time, targeted guests. The Membership "Team" will continue this discussion at the January 24th Area Membership Meeting.

d. **YMCA Comedy and Magic Spectacular:** The Board agreed to sponsor three families at \$60 each to attend this event. (This adds to the work of the Community Service Committee to help needy families/students.)

Dates:

March 12, 2018:	FCRSPA Luncheon, Dutch's Daughter
March 19, 2018:	FCRSPA Board of Directors, CTC
May 8, 2018:	MRSPA Annual Meeting, Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD
May 14, 2018:	FCRSPA Luncheon, Dutch's Daughter
May 21, 2018:	FCRSPA Board of Directors, CTC
July 9, 2018:	FCRSPA Picnic, Jefferson Ruritan Center

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gordon and Sally Smith
Acting Secretaries