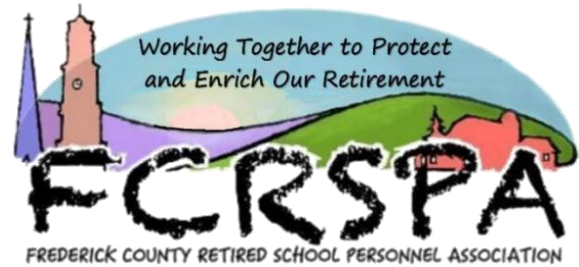


Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Career & Tech Center, 2PM

-- MINUTES --



Attendance: Nancy Gordon, Irene Bailey, Charlie Perry, Colette Baker, Jenny Powell, Lee Jeffrey, Debbie Thackston, Marsha Wise, Claudia Harrington, Brenda Martz, Ann Keyfauver, Shirley McDonald, Kenny Garvey, Sharon Rectanus

I. **Call to Order**—Kenny Garvey, President

II. **President's Report** — Kenny Garvey

– Kudos:

- Ann and Mary for another fine, well-attended luncheon!!
- Sally and Jenny for their efforts with the vertical banner
- Debbie and Marsha for their efforts with membership
- Everyone who is delivering, has delivered posters to schools
- Thanks to Irene Bailey's husband for cleaning up suitcases for donations.
- Kenny for thanks for poster help posters to FCTA, Board etc.
- Thoughts for 60 anniversary luncheon for 2026.
- Ginny Brace (community service recognized at state) as a possible speaker about park in Frederick
- Scholarship Endowment Fund donations thanks to Nancy for email to request
 - Mrs. Mary Jane Okan, Frederick (x 2)
 - Mrs. Gail K. Slezak, Frederick
 - Ms. Nancy L. Gordon, Jefferson
 - Ms. Claudia J. Harrington, Frederick
 - Ms. Ann L. Hummer, Frederick
 - Ms. Bonnie B. Strine, Frederick
 - Ms. Brenda Martz, Frederick
 - Ms. Judith A. Owens, Germantown
 - Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Horr, New Windsor
- Comments on MRSPA Annual Business Meeting (5/7) May Luncheon (5/8)
- Joelle Grossnickle as possible speaker about Alaska

III. **President-elect's Report** — *vacant position*

IV. **Past President's Report** — Kathy Campagnoli (*absent*)

V. **Secretary's Report** — Sharon Rectanus

Motion for approval for March BOD and May luncheon. -- Approved as written.

VI. **Treasurer's Report** — Shirley McDonald-

- Everything good with new members
- Checking - \$6358.02
- Money Market - \$15139.23
- Want to plant more bushes next year at Earth and Space Science Lab
 - 500 dollars donation for garden in front. FCRSPA will also supply a sign

VII. **Standing Committee Reports**

1. **AARP** — Shirley Stroup (*temporary rep.*) Luncheon with Jessica Fitzwater (not political) talked about her education, overpopulation etc. She is willing to come as a speaker.
2. **Legislation** — Tom Slater absent go to MRSPA website for update
3. **Archives** — Cindy Stull - absent
4. **Auditing** — Shirley Stroup Check back in Sept.
5. **Community Service** — Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Charlene Perry
 - book bags collected at May luncheon to SHIP, some toiletries and school supplies as well
6. **E-Mail** — Sandy Zimmerman absent
7. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy** — Colette Baker
 - Letter came to retirees about changes that don't affect us.
 - Check with Collette's emails regarding insurance .
8. **Membership** — Marsha Wise, Debbie Thackston
 - Up 11 since last year
 - Ask Marsha for details... FCPS HR folders to include FCRSPA info posters, permission card, etc)
 - Wanda Ford helpful for pushing things through with posters voted on a gift card to give her.
 - Thanks to Shirley - spoke with to a FCPS BOE President Karen Yoho (also a member of FCRSPA). HR now agreeing to giving us a list 3 times per year telling who has retired and to give card to retirees to fill out with contact info.
 - Membership changes: 14 died; 16 did not rejoin. Overall, increase of 11.
 - Debbie give list of non-member recent retirees for board members to contact
 - Current membership numbers:
 - 810 total members ~ as of May 1
 - 782 Unified, 28 Local Only
 - 2 deaths in April; 2 new since May 1
 - Emeritus 5 new emeritus members
 - Ann Flora, Arthur Gernand, Bea Luzier, Richard Petre, Betty Williard
 - 2 were able to attend for recognition. Bea Luziel and Richard Petre
 - FCRSPA master file
 - 8 new members via Special Offer, 4 via deduction

- Report timing not synchronized ~ possible that a new member could have joined just after the MRSPA reports and we don't know until over a month later to welcome them, not sure there is anything we can do, but just fyi
- Poster distribution
 - Posters divided into Feeder Areas and Departments.
 - Board members volunteered and were assigned feeder area or department.
- Switch & Save - We will be recruiting BoD members to make calls to cash paying members as we did last year.

VIII. Events/Happy Hours — Sally Smith

- Next HH at "The Garage" on May 21- Good response 31 attendees
- Open for next one time/place Mid August, - Avery's (Jug Bridge)

IX. Nominating — *vacant position*

- Still looking for member(s) to serve in a few positions
- Open: President-elect, Nominating Chair needed, AARP rep

X. Remembrance and Sunshine — Faye Buckingham, Brenda Martz

- Deceased members
 - JoAnne Bradford Ireland 9/7-1948, 3/20-2024
 - Evelyn Marie Sullivan Orndorff 5/16-1925, 3/28-2024
 - Nancy Jean Newkirk 8/16-1943, 4/20-2024
 - Basil Eavey 4/21/2024
 - Christine Preston 3/28-1958, 1/24-2024
- Cards sent, 7 sympathy cards and 2 thinking of you

XI. Social Committee — Ann Keyfauver, Mary Straits

- Feedback on May – good speaker, good responses
- July 17th Lewistown July luncheon planning
- Richard Petre (emeritus member) could use a ride to luncheons from Home Wood
- Free lunch for Emeritus for every luncheon doesn't have to be when recognized
- Picnic for fall Oct 1 at Ballenger Creek Park Mission BBQ again, cookies were bought, but BBQ provide drinks and food.
- Ann and Mary would like someone else to do this job but will continue doing during Kenny's term
- Suggestions to explain at luncheons if no one speaks up for office positions that FCRSPA could not continue; Ann to write a blurb for newsletter.

XII. Newsletter — Jenny Powell

- Summer Newsletter; Articles/Info to Jenny by June 7
- E-mailed/snail mailed 3rd week of June

XIII Scholarship — Nancy Gordon

- Frederick County was well represented at the state Annual Meeting. Frederick County had a Mini-Grant Winner and a Scholarship Winner recognized.
- 25th year next year for scholarships. Looking for suggestions to celebrate our scholarships over the years. Maybe set a suggested donation amount.
- Hoping to invite the scholarship recipients at the next luncheon

- Thanks for participation at MRSPA at state level.
- Almost every county is dealing with membership numbers.
- Nancy shared Howard County gives a letter of membership/association information to their HR unit who addresses the envelopes which the association then mails to new retirees.

XIV. **Website** — Lee Jeffrey: Double-check dates to add any corrections to website. MRSPA is offering training that we can possibly use for our organization.

XV. **Old Business**

- Advertising efforts ongoing

XVI. **New Business**

- Donation in lieu of speaker gift card to Catoctin Mountain Park or Catoctin Forest Alliance. The Alliance directly supports the park, especially educational programs. Voted to approve \$50.
- Possible speakers- Recycle system, MD Blueprint for Schools (but would prefer to not have school speakers)

Upcoming FCRSPA Board of Director Meetings- Career Tech Center, 2 pm.

- Wed., Aug 21, 2024
- Wed., Oct 16, 2024

2023-2024 MRSPA Meetings Calendar:

- August 6, 2024 MRSPA BOD
- December 10, 2024 MRSPA BOD