

FCRSPA Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019
Career Tech Center, Frederick, MD

In attendance: Tom Slater, Shirley McDonald, Irene Bailey, Judy Brandenburg, Claudia Harrington, Carroll Kehne, Brenda Martz, Joe Polce, Carrie Pierson, Jenny Powell, Bill Price, Cindy Stull, Mary Straits, Shirley Stroup, Debbie Thackston, Marsha Wise, Nancy Gordon (Acting Secretary)

1. **President's Report:** Tom shared several items since the last Board of Directors' meeting.
 - MRSPA Raffle Tickets – Consider purchasing from him to support the MRSPA Scholarship and Grant Funds
 - FCRPSA Past President vacancy: The Board will fill this position at its next meeting.
 - Programs for 2020: Tom is working on having several former FCPS students share experiences and teachers that have influenced them. Suggestions were discussed of possible “entertainers” for the July picnic; FCPS VPA program may be a possibility.
 - Letters from the Community Foundation and COIPP were shared thanking FCRSPA for their contributions.

2. Approval of Minutes: The August 13, 2019 Board of Directors Minutes were approved as printed. The October 8, 2019 minutes will be held over until the January BOD meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: Shirley McDonald, treasurer, reported on association funds: Checking Account: \$9,809.41 and Money Market: \$6,047.19, with some of the checking account funds to be transferred to the Money Market. Budget categories and current in expenditures.

4. Standing Committee Reports;

- a. AARP, Bill Price, liaison, gave an overview of the meetings.
- b. Archives, Cindy Stull: No report. (Thank you letters from the five Scholarship Recipients were given to Cindy to add to the Archives.)
- c. Auditing, Shirley Stroup: No report.
- d. Community Service, Irene Bailey and Claudia Harrington: Members contributed a good amount of school supplies and toiletries, and some cash at the October Luncheon. Toys for Tots will be the focus of the December Holiday Brunch.
- e. Consumer Education, vacancy.
- f. E-Mail, Bob Humphries: No report.
- g. FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy, Joe Polce: Retirees will be able to participate in the Blue Rewards Program with CareFirst beginning January 1st. Gift cards can be earned by completing categories of the program. FCPS Dental Program is up for bids this year; Joe is a member of the review committee. Medicare changes for 2020 include: income-base premiums expected to increase; the deductible will increase from \$185 to \$197 (deductibles reset Jan. 1st); 1.6% increase in Social Security will be offset by Medicare increases. Joe will include information about the FCPS Insurance Council in the next newsletter.
- h. Legislative, Bill Price: MRSPA's Legislative Workshop is November 13th in Annapolis.
- i. Membership, Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston: Six emeritus members will be recognized at the May Luncheon. Marsha will be meeting with Donna Clabaugh, FCPS HR Benefits, to discuss distribution of MRSPA Membership Information for retirees. BOD members were asked to help contact individuals who have not renewed membership. FCRSPA printed directors will be available at the December Brunch (\$3.00; \$6.00 for mailing).

- j. Events: The next Happy Hour is planned for February.
- k. Nominating, Judy Brandenburg: Still searching for President-Elect position. Judy also reported on the recent FCRSPA Tea at Homewood Retirement Center. There were 20+ in attendance for the afternoon. Individuals shared stories of their time as FCPS employees and look forward to another gathering.
- l. Publicity/Newsletter, Carrie Pierson: Deadlines for upcoming newsletters were shared and plans for distribution outlined.
- m. Remembrance/Sunshine, Brenda Martz: Eight sympathy and eight thinking of you cards were sent since the last BOD meeting. The association lost two members, Dorothy Cressler and Virginia Carroll in the past few months.
- n. Social, Ann Keyfauber and Mary Straits: Dates and places for 2020 have been set.
 - March 10, Elks Club, a "Dan-Dee Time"
 - May 12, Dutch's Daughter
 - July 14, Jefferson Community Center
 - October 6, Lewistown Fire Hall
 - December 8, Dutch's Daughter
- o. Scholarship, Nancy Gordon: Thank you letters from this year's scholarship recipients were shared. The March Luncheon will again highlight the FCRSPA Scholarship Program. A container will also be at the luncheon registration tables for contributions.
- p. Website, Carroll Kehne: A reminder to keep your area up-to-date. A suggestion was made to ask FCPS to include FCRSPA as a link on their website.

5. Old Business: There was no old business.

6. New Business:

- The BOD approved \$100 for a basket for the COIPP Silent Auction in December.
- Brainstorming ideas will continue to be discussed at the next BOD meeting.

7. Announcements: Members were encouraged to attend the Oct. 29th Forum on the Kirwan Commission at the Delaplaine Arts Center, 7-8:30 p.m. or Nov. 14th at the Urbana Fire Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Nancy Gordon
Acting Secretary