



Executive

Board Meeting

Career & Tech Center, 2PM
Wednesday, January 17 2024

Attendance: Sally Smith, Shirley Stroup, Jenny Powell, Deborah Thackston, Marsha Wise, Cindy Stull, Ann Keyfauber, Charlie Perry, Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Brenda Martz, Nancy Gordon, Kathy, Campagnoli, Kenny Garvey, Shirley McDonald, Sharon Rectanus

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

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

- December Breakfast
 - 150+ Toys for Tots plus nearly \$400 collected,
 - Madrigal Singers
 - New logo approved
 - 3 new members inducted: Sue Ann Nogle, Harry Nogle, Roseann Fraley
- HH at La Paz cancelled- discuss possible new date.
- Scholarship Endowment Fund donations
 - Jack and Jane Tritt, Frederick
 - Mr. And Mrs Ray Schooley, Marshfields , MO; In memory of Mary E Nicholson
- MRSPA Grant Awardee - Joelle Grosnickle Yellow Springs Elem: PE Unit World Eskimo Indian Olympics
- Upcoming Zoom Legislative on Jan 30

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

IV. **Past President's Report** — Kathy Campagnoli

- Forms for Community Service Awards will be available awards soon
- Joelle Grosnickle - first MSRPA Grant Awardee in Frederick County in several years

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

- Amendments made to October 18 minutes. This was about the Throw Back Thursday on Facebook Debbie was doing but became too much for her, but if anyone is interested in doing it, to contact her.
- Amendments to December Breakfast minutes to include names of inducted members
- Amended minutes from October 18th and December Breakfast meeting were approved with corrections and voted into the record.

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

- Checking -- \$8189.74
- Money Market -- \$15138.73
- PNC questioned why we are using Stripe instead of Zelle for members' luncheon payments. Using Zelle would allow users to not be charged extra for the payment method. This would be Zelle on our business account. Concerns about confusion if switching between the two methods for members. Average around 25 members using Stripe. Decision made to use Zelle and discontinue Stripe. A blurb would be included in next newsletter to reflect the change.
- In appreciation for Kathy's leadership as president, two donations were made to the Delaplaine Arts Center, one in honor of her brother, and the other for her mother.

VII. **Standing Committee Reports**

1. **AARP** — Shirley Stroup, as temporary rep.
 - AARP had some speakers from non-profits at recent events
 - Attendance in AARP has dropped off
 - organization has dropped travel opportunities, may explain the lower attendance.
2. **Legislation** — Tom Slater

Updated by Nancy Gordon (Tom is on vacation)

 - MRSPA Legislative Workshop (virtual) is on January 30th, from 10 until about 12. Emphasis will be on the MD Blue Print for Education, key legislative issues, and state budget. Delegate Ken Kerr (FCRSPA Member) will be one of the guests.
 - Highlights from the first MRSPA Legislative Committee Meeting
 - The committee reviewed General Assembly procedures and ways to communicate positions *on bills*. *Bills reviewed include:*
 - Curriculum issues (some repeats from last year with modifications),
 - Voter issues (needing proof of address, etc. which is redundant since those items are submitted when voters register; signatures on ballots)
 - Senior issues: Long Term Care Insurance credit modifications (proposed each year, but making slow progress to some resolution); Care-Giver tax credits (NRTA is lobbying for this on this on the federal level); Senior Prescription Drug Program extension
3. **Archives** — Cindy Stull
 - nothing new at this time.
4. **Auditing** — Shirley Stroup
 - Next audit will be in August.
5. **Community Service** — Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Charlene Perry
 - Ken Frushhow sent appreciation at 92 years old.
 - Kenny shared requests for county volunteer opportunities (adult learning, language learning etc). Committee decided to let this be through the county rather than FCRSPA.2
6. **E-Mail** — Sandy Zimmerman

- Now have a link to our e-mail address on the fcrspa.org website under "Contact Us".
7. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy** — Colette Baker
 - FCPS prescription plan is out to bid, Colette is serving on the bid review subcommittee which meets on Feb. 15 to review the bids and submit recommendations to the full Insurance Council.
 - Group life insurance contract is also out to bid, will keep us informed.
 - The next meeting of the Insurance Council is Tuesday, Jan. 23, Delta Dental will present their annual plan review.
 8. **Membership** — Marsha Wise, Debbie Thackston
 - Totals: 780 Unified Members, 30 Local Only, 810 Total (includes 6 reinstatements) 20 States
 - Four deaths – Christa Angelone, John Gladhill, Rosemary Glenn, Shirley Lakel
 - Emeritus Update - 6 members
 - MRSPA dues Increase from \$45 to \$50 for 2024-2025 Membership year
 - \$60 total for all Unified members (~\$0.16 per day)
 - MRSPA March Special
 - runs March 1 and May 30 on remainder of '23-'24 membership year
 - \$10 for retirees who join or reinstate membership with cash
 - \$0 for retirees who join or reinstate membership with dues deduction.
 - all will be billed in July (by preferred method) for '24-'25 membership year
 - Board discussed waiving FCRSPA membership dues to compliment MRSPA special
 - Calling Campaign similar to last year was discussed
 - Continued efforts to have members switch to membership directly withdrawn instead of paying with cash.
 - Calling was effective in past - need help with this. Kenny had more luck with texting.
 - FCRSPA Flyers /posters
 - Much discussion about fliers and plans to have schools post them in faculty rooms etc. After Covid there are not as many people retiring so posters may help to give information for future decisions. May need 200-300 posters. We have permission to put up in teacher's lounges but will try to get permission for other areas (custodial office, cafeteria office, etc). Send a cover letter with permission request. Any suggestions for the flyer should be sent to Marsha/Debbie
 - Kenny would like to purchase a vertical poster for FCRSPA to match posters going out to schools. This would be a freestanding poster. Maybe have CTC design. Kathy to investigate.
 - Any suggestions for the flyer or poster should be directed to Marsha/Debbie.
 9. **Events/Happy Hours** — Sally Smith
 - Since the HH was canceled, possible next HH could be Feb. 29 with Leap Year theme. A reminder could be sent before the newsletter and then included in next newsletter.
 10. **Nominating** — Judy Brandenburg
 - Still looking for member(s) to serve in a few positions
 - Open: President-elect, Nominating Chair, AARP
 11. **Remembrance and Sunshine** — Faye Buckingham, Brenda Martz
 - 7 sympathy cards, 12 thinking of you
 - Carol Lee Wilcom 4/15/1944-10/21/2023
 - Rosemary Lynn Glenn 6/3/1945-11/4/2023
 - Gunda (Christa) Angelone 2/27/1942-12/9/2023
 - Shirley Pearl Lakel 7/7/1927-12/20/2023
 - John Calvin Gladhill 5/16/1946-1/4/2014

12. **Social Committee** — Ann Keyfauver, Mary Straits **Y**
 - Good feedback from XMAS breakfast
 - March Luncheon - Mar. 13; Elks Lodge
 - Costs at Morningside prohibitive
 - Elks lodge -\$275 for room - Since we have money suggestion that we pay room fee to help with costs. Discussion about dessert cost
 - May Luncheons - May 8; Schroyers?
13. **Newsletter** — Jenny Powell
 - March Newsletter articles should go to Jenny by Feb 9th
 - newsletter can be sent out Feb 21st.
14. **Scholarship** — Nancy Gordon
 - Nancy will write an article for the newsletter making a push for contribution for scholarship to increase principal in account and permit us to increase \$\$ or number of scholarshios
 - May events (25th anniversary next year).
15. **Website** — Lee Jeffrey
 - add logo/vision statement
 - “Join Here” and “Renew Now” BUTTONS
 - Kenny will get more info on what Dave Miller with MAEF Mobile Labs could do so we can advertise on Facebook and our website

VIII. **Old Business**

- – Vision Statement and Logo Vote

IX. **New Business**

May change Aug. meeting to the 14th

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

Wed., Mar. 20 2024

Wed., May 15, 2024??

Wed., Aug 21, 2024??

2023-2024 MRSPA Meetings Calendar:

Legislative Workshop January 30, 2024

President’s Meetings March 19, 2024

Annual Business Meeting May 7, 2024