

**Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association  
Board Meeting October 17, 2017**

**Attendance:** Linda King, Shirley McDonald, Sharon Rectanus, Cindy Stull, Bill Price, Judy Brandenburg, Faye Buckingham, Nancy Gordon, Carroll Kehne

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 1, 2017 approved.

Notes from FCRSPA Luncheon-October 10, 2017 at Lewistown Fire Hall:

- Call to Order-Linda King
- Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer-Bill Price
- Luncheon-Special thanks to all the volunteers at the Lewistown Fire Hall that prepared a delicious lunch!
- Presentation- Members of Auxiliary of Frederick Memorial Hospital shared opportunities to volunteer at FMH. For more information, retirees can contact the Auxiliary at 240-566-3567 or visit their website at [vol@fmh.org](mailto:vol@fmh.org).
- President-Linda King reminded all that the next newsletter will be the last sent to those not using e-mail to receive it. Starting in February, all newsletters will be electronic. Those without access should contact Linda King.
- Membership- All dues due by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Nominating-Judy Brandenburg reported that FCRSPA is still in need of a president-elect.
- Social Committee-Thanks for creative center piece arrangements for the door prizes.
- Other-Sally Smith shared and reminded all about bringing hotel samples for our homeless students.
- 119 in attendance 124 paid.
- Adjournment-1:25 pm

**Treasurer:**

Checking: \$8197.40 Money Market: \$6041.15 Auditing/taxes to be done soon.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**AARP Liaison:** AARP state officers were at recent AARP luncheon to share information about progress and projects.

**Archives:** Cindy Stull shared that Richard Heffner has a FCRSPA scrapbook from a previous president member Erma Grove (89-91). Marsha Wise has the scrapbook and will share at a future meeting.

**Community Service:** Nancy Gordon shared that we will be collecting Toys for Tots at the December breakfast meeting. For the Bridges for Success program, we need to decide on a project for community service.

**Legislative:** Bill Price shared legislative/workshop meetings coming up on Nov. 14 MRSPA . The Legislative Priorities pamphlet explains the MRSPA goals.

Carroll Kehne shared concerns that there we need to be alert each year regarding Legislative issues with our retirement funds:

Some states are switching to a 401 (k) system for new staff. This has shown that it does not provide an adequate retirement for participants.

Carroll Kehne shared that we really need to step up our state legislative efforts to encourage our elected officials to understand and not vote on changing our new teachers plans in Maryland. This is based on West Virginia's past experiences.

As to our work today, all counties should support our MRSPA in funding fully our retirement funds for even greater returns in the future.

**Membership: Membership Report:** Marsha Wise submitted the following notes:  
As of October 13:

- 713 Unified members
- 44 Local Only
- 5 new members since August 1
  - Mailing to new members derailed mid-September due to my inability to manage computer work; should be back on track in next week or two.
- Unpaid members
  - 24 Unified
  - 14 local only
  - Final notices will be sent this week. This next newsletter will be their last if remaining unpaid.
- BoD members who did not receive their handbook/roster notebook at the last meeting, please let me know if you want yours before next meeting.
- There is new membership information from MRSPA which I have not yet seen. Should have details by January meeting.
- Text for Membership website page emailed to Carroll.
- Will be compiling a “job description” for Publicity to review with an FCRSPA member who has voiced potential interest in helping.
- Cindy Stull hosted our membership table at the FCPS Retiree Open Retirement Event. Thank you!
- Thanks to Linda Brown, Linda King, Brenda Banko, Sally Smith, and Judy Thompson who have helped pick up the pieces over the last 6 weeks.
- From here on, I will need reliable assistance with Membership. This needs to be a committee.

**Nominating:** Judy Brandenburg is sending a letter to encourage someone to fill the president-elect position. Board members are encouraged to let Judy know any possible names of members who may be interested in this position.

**Publication:** Deadline for newsletter is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Send to Linda Brown.

**Social Committee:** Sally McMurry's notes indicated a good response for the FMH possible volunteers at the recent luncheon. There was also, 4 new members and all agreed that the coleslaw was the best!  
Nov. 25 will be the deadline for Christmas breakfast. 18 dollars will remain as the price of the breakfast.

**Scholarship:** Nancy waiting for amount for the scholarship amount we may need to cover. Nancy will have more information at the January board meeting.

**Website-**Carroll Kehne explained that for the 2018, he would like to keep updates of meetings so can members can go to the website for information. (Linda King shared a handout of all general and board meeting dates.)  
Carroll requests that any new information/events to be shared should be sent to him. Pictures can be included and won't need individual names.

**Remembrance and Sunshine:** Faye Buckingham shared the following notes:  
Card Summary- Members who died (Nancy Gates 8/22/17, Charlotte Woodrow 8/25/17, James Schafer 9/1/17). Sympathy cards sent-10, Thinking of you cards-8. Jack Patterson recovering at Citizens.

**President's Report:**

- Workshop Possibilities-include a survey in the newsletter of possible subjects to offer members like Abenity site, MRSPA website, or legislation information.
- Newsletter updates-As of date 22 people have contacted Linda King and Marsha Wise that they are not able to receive a newsletter electronically.
- Discussion of switching location for May luncheon after 2018 date. Suggestions welcome.
- Trips or Social Activities- Survey in the newsletter possible day trip opportunities.
- Board members would like a meeting reminder with agenda. Sharon Rectanus will send.

2:55 Meeting adjourned.