

Wednesday, March 22, 2023—Career & Tech Center, 1 PM

FCRSPA Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Attendance: Shirley McDonald, Debbie Thackston, Sharon Rectanus, Sally Smith, Cindy Stull, Nancy Gordon, Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, Kenny Garvey, Kathy Campagnoli

I—Call to Order—Kathy Campagnoli, President

II—President’s Report (Kathy Campagnoli)

- Attended Legislative Meeting w/Tom Slater on Jan. 31
 - Retirement Tax Elimination Act, SB0461 in committee w/support from MRSPA
- Nancy Gordon report:
 1. All curriculum bills, except one, will not be considered. The remaining bill is now in the Senate (HB119), but will most likely not move forward. MRSPA maintains opposition to any curriculum bills which provide for legislative oversight/involvement.
 2. The bill to form a Task Force to study/make recommendations on Emergency Room Wait Times will probably die in the Senate. An amendment to increase the Task Force to 21 from 7 members would be unwieldy.
 3. Blue Print for Education has \$400 million in the budget; House recommends an additional \$500, Senate \$400. Negotiations will continue.
 4. Long Term Care and Income Tax Credit bills did not cross over from one house to the other. Note: 815 MRSPA members responded to the e-mail blast on Income Tax credit (very costly bill).
- Participated in MRSPA Meet & Greet for new members on Feb. 15
- Attended MRSPA Exec. Board Meeting on Mar.7
 - Discussed intention to raise membership fee \$5, but not until July 2024 (vote @ May Annual Business Meeting)
- Attended MRSPA Presidents’ Meeting on Mar. 14
- Distribution of info on Annual Business Meeting on May 9, 2023 at Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley—“Celebrating Community Contributions: MRSPA Benefits Many!”
 - Frederick County allotted 10 delegates/ list of attendees due by April 10. Anyone interest, let Kathy know.

III—President-elect’s Report (Kenny Garvey) -Happy Hour very successful!

IV--Secretary’s Report (Sharon Rectanus) Minutes from January 4,2023 meeting approved as written.

V—Treasurer’s Report (Shirley McDonald)

Checking \$9667.26

Money Market \$11,137.77

Scholarship \$1300

Insurance for officers.

No money in Silicon Bank!

Pay Pal NO from MRSPA but suggested to use from Stripe.com for our lunches. It is set up for next lunch... which can be advertised to use for payment. (There is a \$1 fee). Put explanation in newsletter. Service is free. If you pay, without this no extra.

Shirley has budget to be approved at next meeting. Will be in the newsletter

VI—Standing Committee Reports

1. **AARP** – Shirley Stroup, temporary rep. NO report
 2. **Legislation** –Tom Slater-not in attendance. Nancy Gordon shared notes from her legislation meeting. Some of bills (check with Nancy)
 3. **Archives** –Cindy Stull- No report
 4. **Auditing**—Shirley Stroup- No report
 5. **Community Service**—Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, and Charlene Perry 40 IN CASH FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND TOILETRIES FOR
 6. **E-Mail**—Sandy Zimmerman No report
 7. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy**— Joe Polce No report
 8. **Membership**—Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston
1. Emeritus Celebration:
 - Seven members turning 90: Kay Koons, James Watson, Paul Lambertson, Helen Tognetti, Charles Rice, Beth Wisecup and Basil Eavey.
 - I've written to all seven to get their bio info for the next newsletter.
 - All will be invited to the May Luncheon to be celebrated
 - As soon as the luncheon reservation is created, can you send it to me so that I can print it and mail it to the new Emeritus?
 - I suspect only 3-4 will attend the luncheon.
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 2. FCRSPA FaceBook page:
 - We have 239 members - currently about 30% of our membership.
 - We've been trying to "grow" the group to better provide a feeling of "connectedness"
 - Events we are posting:
 - Reminders about upcoming FCRSPA events

- Pictures of members/guests at events
- Deaths of members (not spouses)
- Significant birthday requests ex: Cards for member's 80th.
- FCPS related items (e.g. requests for volunteers at conferences, the Frederick Fair, etc)
- I'm receiving requests to post:
 - deaths of former FCPS but the retirees are not members.
 - Notices about upcoming retirement celebrations
 - Feedback from Board

3. Membership Report:

- 47 members since July 1, 2022 (with Karen Kehoe)
- Deceased 7/1/22 = 14 members, including Carrie Pierson
- Canceled 7/1/22 = 15 members(October did not renew)
- Reflections:
 - More people are reaching out for information via Messenger after events like the Happy Hours
 - We are currently in lean months where it's the end of the year and people say, "why join now" but cost reduces to \$10 for March-May. (And \$10 reduction if you pay be Dues Deduction)

4. Switch and Save:

- 251/767 members still pay by check. One person switched after the last newsletter. We'll continue to add it to the newsletter. April - June is the window. Are there any other strategies we could put in place to entice people to switch to dues deduction?
 - 5 of 8 new members joined since January 1, 2023 with dues deduction - we are linking the free drink at HH with Dues Deduction!
 - Since beginning of 2021
 - 48 have joined as cash paying members
 - 44 have joined as dues deduction members
 - 27 existing members have switched to dues deduction since May 2021.

9. Voted for change and approved: FCRSPA will wave membership fee (same as state) for rest of this membership year, otherwise it will be \$10 as usual. .

10. **Events/Happy Hours**—Sally Smith

- Feedback on Happy Hours at Oscar's Ale House (Jan.) and LaPaz (March)
Well attended!

LaPaz did a good job!

Possible suggestion to alternate Happy Hours with luncheons for next year.

Alternate event locations (lots in Middletown)

11. **Nominating**—Judy Brandenburg

- Still looking for help to serve on the nominating committee.

12. **Remembrance and Sunshine**—Faye Buckingham and Brenda Martz

Our thoughts and prayers for Faye Buckingham and Judy Brandenburg

We've had 7 members pass away....

JoAnn Keyser

Robert Dacey

William Luzier

Frederick Brown, Jr.

Peggy Githerman

Jean Grossnickle

We've sent 18 sympathy cards & 5 thinking of you cards.

13. **Social Committee**—Ann Keyfauber and Mary Straits

- Feedback on our March 15 luncheon at Morningside Inn
- Upcoming spring luncheon venue has been reserved for: May 17 at Schroyer's Tavern, MD National Golf Course, 8836 Hollow Rd., Middletown (guest speaker Tom Slater, local historical presentation; we will also swear-in our new President Kenny and recognize our emeritus members (mugs and bio). 28 dollars

14. **Newsletter**—Jenny Powell

- Articles due on Friday March 31st
- Newsletter out by week of Easter April 15. Includes luncheon/happy hours. May 1st for deadline.

15. **Scholarship**—Nancy Gordon We will be getting /looking at applications. And one of winners from TJ middle school.

16. **Website**—vacant position

VII—**Old Business**

- Meeting Dates (see below)

VIII—**New Business**

Only members for

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

Wed., May 24, 2023

Late Spring luncheon May 17

Wed., August 2, 2023

Wed., October 18, 2023

Upcoming MRSPA Meetings:

Annual Business Meeting- May 9, 2023 at Valley Mansion in Cockeysville, MD

Draft Schedule for 2023-2024 MRSPA Calendar:

Leadership Workshop Sept. 26, 2023

President's Meetings July 25, 2023 and March 19, 2024

Legislative Workshop January/February 2024 TBD

Annual Business Meeting May 7, 2024

2:30 Meeting Adjourned