

**Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 22, 2018**

In attendance: Linda King, Tom Slater, Irene Bailey, Brenda Banko, Judy Brandenburg, Nancy Gordon, Carroll Kehne, Brenda Martz, Shirley McDonald, Sally McMurry, Bill Price, Sally Smith, Shirley Stroup, Cindy Stull, Debbie Thackston

Unable to attend: Bob Humphrey, Dave Markoe, Joe Polce, Sharon Rectanus, Marsha Wise

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 6, 2018 Board Meeting and May 15, 2018 Luncheon were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley reported a balance of \$5,534.14 in the checking account and \$6,042.90 in the Money Market account. The report was approved subject to audit.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. **AARP Liaison:** Linda was unable to attend the meeting, but Shirley Stroup reported that the program was very **informational**, Institute for Learning in Retirement, which offers a variety of courses that may interest retirees. The next program will feature a presentation on tax changes.

2. **Archives:** Cindy Stull shared that past scrapbooks of FCRSPA are housed at the Historical Society, where they may be reviewed but not removed from the building. Following discussion it was moved that Cindy investigate moving those records to the History Room at C. Burr Artz Library along with the more current records in her position. She is putting certificates awarded to the association, newsletters (MRSPA and FCRSPA) and handbooks together in notebooks to continue the records of the association.

3. **Auditing:** No report.

4. **Community Service:** Irene Bailey shared that cash donations, school supplies and toiletries were again collected at the luncheon. At the recent MRSPA Annual Meeting, FCRSPA member, Shari Ostrow Scher, received the Individual Community Service Award and the association received the Local Association Community Service Award for medium-sized locals, "Great Frederick Fair Field Trip" coordinated by John George. This was the second year in a row that FCRSPA received these recognitions.

5. **Consumer Education:** No report.

6. **E-Mail Tree:** No report.

7. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy:** Joe Polce had sent board members a copy of his article for the next newsletter. Highlights: Effective July 1st, FCPS will move to CareFirst, Blue Choice Advantage as the carrier of their insurance. The Dental Plan includes enhancements and there is at \$3500/2-year payment for hearing aids. Concerns were expressed that FCPS should sponsor a health fair for retirees specifically. Linda King will pursue this with HR Benefits. Questions were asked about doctors in the network and how to find out more information.

Suggestions: use the website: www.carefirst.com/frederick, visit the office: 510 Buckeystown Pike, Suite 215, or call: 866-386-2043.

8. **Legislative:** Bill Price reported that the legislative session resulted in 3000 bills filed; nothing major that the association needed to lobby for/against. MRSPA's Legislative Committee will begin work in August to work on next year's plans. Tish Raff, FCRSPA member, served as chair for this year and Virginia Crespo, Anne Arundel County, as lobbyist due to MRSPA reorganization of the committee. Former lobbyist, Dr. Vera Torrence, had resigned due to health issues.

8. **Membership:** Deborah Thackston reported the membership is steady (749 to date, with 22 emeritus). She suggested designating one luncheon to recognize to talk about membership in the association. Marsha and Debbie are continuing to work with FCPS HR to gain addresses of new retirees on a regular basis.

9. **Publication:** Articles are due to Sue Heller (stheller53@comcast.net) now!

10. **Remembrance and Sunshine:** Brenda Martz reported that twenty-three cards had been sent to family members and individuals since March, with six deaths in that time period.

11. **Social:** Brenda and Sally reported that 111 attended the May 15th luncheon. There was continued discussion on locations for the luncheons. Suggestions: Consider buffet option for Dutch's, possibly use American Legion and Hood College (Debbie will get more information), or use Dutch's exclusively. No decisions were made or dates assigned.

13. **Scholarship:** Nancy shared that scholarship recipients have been selected; both will be invited to the July picnic. She and Linda will attend the Community Foundation Reception on June 10th if our scholars plan on being there.

14. **Website:** Carroll Kehne asked members to keep their particular sections up-to-date. **Those Chairs who have responsibility for the individual sections should keep Carroll informed of changes, additions and deletions.**

15. **President's Report:** Linda's activities

- a. answered lots of emails and FACEBOOK concerns about Health Insurance
- b. MRSPA President's Meeting
- c. MRSPA Annual Business Meeting
- d. FCRSPA Budget preparation with Shirley McDonald, treasurer
- e. prepared gifts for Emeritus members

16. **New Business:**

a. Shirley Stroup (and Bonnie Strine) presented questions about the scholarship program. This year, both FCRSPA and FCRSPA/Petre scholarships only awarded one scholarship each, due to the amount of money available. In the past few years, monies have been added to both accounts to provide sufficient funds for more scholarships. The association may want to consider additional ways to raise monies to the fund(s). The review process was also discussed. The Community Foundation provides either e-mail or "in-person" meetings to select the recipients. The criteria established for each scholarship serves as the method for selecting the recipients, along with the scores of the required essays.

b. **Committee Chairs for 2018-19:** Please let Linda know if you no longer wish to serve as Committee Chair.

c. **General Meeting Expenses:** Following a review of the past budgets (2016, 2017-18), the proposed budget was accepted.

If you have any ideas for the association or ways to improve, please send them to Linda King.

17. FCRSPA General Meetings:

July 10, 6:00 p.m., Jefferson Community Center

October 9, 12 noon, Lewistown Fire Hall

December 4, 8:30 a.m., Dutch's Daughter Restaurant

FCRSPA Board Meetings:

August 7, 2:00 p.m., FCC/CTC

October 16, 2:00 p.m., FCC/CTC

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gordon
Acting Secretary