

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 - Career & Tech Center, 2 PM

FCRSPA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Marsha Wise, Colette Baker, Shirley Stroup, Tom Slater, Mary Straits, Ann Keyfauber, Lee Jeffrey, Kenny Garvey, Kathy Campagnoli, Charlie Perry, Irene Bailey, Cindy Stull, Nancy Gordon, Brenda Martz, Claudia Harrington, Sally Smith, Jenny Powell, Shirley McDonald

I–Call to Order –Kenny Garvey, President

II–President’s Report (Kenny Garvey) -Kenny welcomed Colette Baker and Lee Jeffrey to the board. He shared with the Board the membership award that we had earned from MRSPA for the most members for a middle size unit to have moved to automatic deductions. Kenny attended the July 25th MRSPA’s President’s meeting where they shared that they would be leaving Paypal and going to Stripe for their dues payments. Kenny mentioned the Happy Hour at Avery’s where we had 45 attendees and that July’s luncheon was well attended. He also noted that he had sent out two thank you notes for donations to our Scholarship fund.

III–President’elect’s Report (vacant position) - Any thoughts let Kenny know.

IV–Past President’s Report (Kathy Campagnoli) no report

V–Secretary’s Report (Sharon Rectanus) - Minutes of May 24 and July 19 luncheon were presented together. Shirley made the motion to accept, Sally seconded the motion. Minutes accepted as written.

VI- Treasurer’s Report (Shirley McDonald)

- Checking \$9593.91
- Money Market \$10138.21
- Lee Jeffrey made an administrator with Stripe to satisfy their requirement of being able to verify the website to our account. Stripe had been holding \$232 from the luncheon until we had a webmaster that they could verify. Monies were deposited this morning to our account.
- During the President's meeting on July 25, all treasurers were notified of a shortage of staffing in the state office, so payments of dues might be delayed. Not an issue for us.
- MRSPA will send one invoice in the future for our officers insurance, the May raffle, and our website bill, again not an issue here.
- MRRSPA has offered to refund locals for meals when they come out to visit if we request. At this time, I see no reason for us to do so, we have more than enough to pay for them when they come to visit locals.

VII – Standing Committee Reports

1. AARP–Shirley Stroup, temporary rep - last August was Karaoke luncheon, no speaker, no sure who will be there this month.
2. Legislation–Tom Slater - attended his first meeting and was made chair of the state committee. Met on Tuesday and set priorities for the upcoming year. Will meet every 2 weeks beginning in January until the end of the legislative session with members being assigned bills to study and summarize and report on.
3. Archives–Cindy Stull - add Membership award to our Archives
4. Auditing–Shirley Stroup - will meet in August for a report.
5. Community Service–Irene Bailey, Claudia Harrington, and Charlene Perry - received school supplies for Elem, Middle and High. Toiletries for SHIP Sally Smith has 8 suitcases in her car for them, Irene will take with her.
6. EMail–Sandy Zimmerman - no report
7. FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy - Colette Baker FCPS received additional funds so our increase in health insurance was not as high as originally thought, was 9.5% Open Enrollment will be in October. Sept 29 Health Fair at LLC Frederick Commons otherwise known as Walkersville B from 8 to 11 am.
8. Membership - Marsha Wise and Debbie Thackston
 - Membership Update 525 dues deduction, 85 paid cash, 145 unpaid
 - 67% of new members are selecting dues deductions
 - Switch and Save Update - have had 19 since June 30
 - New Retiree Calling Team - list sent around
 - Open Enrollment Event - list sent around – spots filled
Volunteers?
9. Events/Happy Hours - Sally Smith
 - Report on Happy Hours - Avery's and/or upcoming?
 - Avery's had 45 attend – service was wonderful
 - Looking at Plaza Mexico in Wormans Mill for October 4-7
10. Nominating –Judy Brandenburg
 - Still looking for members) to serve in a few positions
 - President-elect, Nominating Chair, AARP
11. Remembrance and Sunshine - Faye Buckingham and Brenda Martz
 - a. Faye continues her recovery, please continue with your prayers
 - b. Sent out 8 thinking of you cards and 6 sympathy
Since last meeting we lost Marguerite Ellen Fisher (Marty) 12-4-1942 -5-31-2023;,Robert Drexel Guyton 2-10-1932 6-17-2023, Miriam Dixie Sterling 7-13-2023
12. Social Committee – AnnKeyfauver and Mary Straits
 - Feedback on July 19 luncheon - 80 attendees -scalloped potatoes a big hit
 - Plans for outdoor picnic on September 13 at Ballenger Creek, Mission BBQ, FCRSPA will pay for drinks, cost to members \$20
 - Christmas breakfast , Dec 7 at Richland \$21 per person room opens at 8:30
13. Newsletter – Jenny Powell

- Schedule for the upcoming newsletter and deadline to submit to Marsha Wise is August 7. Marsha and Sally will do this newsletter as Jenny is out of town the first two weeks of August. Newsletter will be mailed out August 14.

14. Scholarship – Nancy Gordon

- Nancy shared this is the 25th anniversary of our scholarship The scholarship began with \$25,000 and two years later we awarded our first scholarship to Amy Huffer Deavers, a Middletown High graduate who studied music education at McDaniel college. Amy has been teaching music at Green Valley Elementary. Nancy would like to have a 25th year celebration. Having a major canvas of members to help increase the endowment. Maybe invite Amy, John (Jack) Tritt, Dr. Richard Petre. More discussion on this in October.

15. Website –Lee Jeffrey

Lee went through website and this is the list of things to be worked on:

Move ribbon from top to left column

- Marsha will revise Membership page
- Committee descriptions should match bylaws (2022)
- Archive minutes from past years
- Scholarship page additions?
- Meals on wheels has paid only volunteers –take off volunteer page
- BASE needs updating
- Community Service will reach out to membership for organizations to include for support – vetting to be done by Lee and Kenny
- Take down Comparison History
- Legislative update should be from 2023 only
- News - turn into photo gallery - Jenny will send more photos
- Insurance - Colette will give correct verbage
- Squirrel mail info taken off
- On front page list should show MRSPA and other links
- Dept of aging has changed its name

Meeting Dates (see below)

IX –New Business

1. Purchase of sound system

Kenny summarized the reasons he felt purchasing a sound system for the organization was a good idea. He also described the system he recommended we purchase. Kathy made the motion to approve the purchase, Claudia seconded it. The motion carried. Kenny was told that if we planned to use it for the picnic in September, Parks and Recreation required notification of our intent. There is a form that must be submitted.

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

Wed., October 18, 2023

Wed., January 17, 2024

2023-2024 MRSPA Meetings Calendar:

Leadership Workshop Sept. 26, 2023

President's Meeting March 19, 2024

Legislative Workshop January/February 2024 bTBD - likely last week of January

Annual Business Meeting May 7, 2024