

FCRSPA Board of Directors Meeting

January 5, 2016

Career Technology Center

**Attendance:** Sally Smith, Paula Blundell, Jan Cline, Nancy Gordon, Irene Bailey, Faye Buckingham, Linda King, Judy Brandenburg, Martha Meadows, Judy Thompson, Carrol Kehne, Bob Humphrey, Joe Polce, Dan Garrett

**Secretary's Report-** Paula Blundell: Paula presented the October 27, 2015 minutes. Carroll Kehne moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jan Cline seconded. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report-** Martha Meadows: January 5, 2016 Checking acct. \$7,273.90 Money Market \$7038.70

**AARP-** Linda King: Next AARP meeting is January 21, 2016.

**Archives-** Vacant After a visit to the Historical Society it was determined the FCRSPA was formed in 1966 which makes us 50 years old in 2016.

**Auditing-** Tom Shade: Absent

**Community Service-** Irene Bailey: 207 toys and a large number of toiletries were collected at the Christmas brunch.

**Consumer Education-** Dave Markoe: absent

**FCPS Liaison and Health-** Joe Polce: Good News, the Self Insurance fund is back in the positive. Everyone on the OPEB committee agreed that Brad Young provided wrong information about the payment to retirees. There was a \$20.00 increase and retirees now pay \$166.00. Continue to look for updates and more information in our next newsletter. Joe responded to questions from the board.

**Legislation-** Bill Price: absent

**Membership-** Judy Thompson: Total membership (MRSPA and FCRSPA) is 732 which is a loss of 15. Since March 2015 we have gained 82 new members; so with our loss due to deaths and cancellations, the increase is actually 45 or 7.14% increase. See report for more information. (Enclosed)

**Necrology & Sunshine-** Faye Buckingham: 28 cards have been sent, 14 Sympathy and 14 Thinking of You. We have lost 7 members to death since November 2015. Report enclosed

**Nominating-** Judy Brandenburg; Judy has been able to speak with some potential candidates. She will continue to follow up on those people.

**Pre Retirement-** vacant

**Publication-** Linda Brown: Articles should be sent to Linda Brown by January 11<sup>th</sup> for the next newsletter. The newsletter will be mailed on January 26, 2016; which will give members 3 weeks to respond to the reservation request for the March 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Dutch's Daughter.

**Social-** Jan Cline: The next membership luncheon will be held at Dutch's Daughter on March 8, 2016. The menu will include; Fried Shrimp, Dutch's Chicken Salad, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda. It was decided to set the price of the luncheon at \$24.00 which does include tax and tip. Reservations should be sent to Margaret Perry by February 27<sup>th</sup> in order that she may call Dutch's by March 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided not to invite potential BOE candidates to the March luncheon. Max Muller and Judy Zahren from MRSPA have been invited to attend.

Nancy Gordon moved to send Oakdale Elementary \$100.00 for the wonderful entertainment their school provided at our Christmas brunch. Irene Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Scholarship-** Nancy Gordon: Reviews for the Community Foundation scholarship are in May. Nancy asked if we could invite Betsy day and Becky Delauter to our May meeting to review the scholarship procedures and criteria.

**MRSPA-** Nancy Gordon: Judy Zahren retires in July and MRSPA is looking for a new Executive Director. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 to discuss the position. MRSPA 's Board of Directors decided to drop the Emeritus status from their membership beginning 2017. Discussion on how to recognize these members will continue. Currently Frederick County has 11 members who are Emeritus status.) July 1st new officers will take office. Nancy will run for Secretary.

There was a request from MRSPA to donate \$75.00 to the scholarship fund. Judy Thompson made the motion to make the donation of \$75.00 and Linda King seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Web Page Design and Maintenance-** Carroll Kehne: Carroll demonstrated how our new webpage is working . (FCRSPA.org).The website looks great. It is open to everyone. Carroll requests that **ALL** submissions to be posted on the website be approved by Sally.

**Email Tree-** Bob Humphrey: there are 350 members on the tree which continues to increase. A list of other county presidents was given to Bob to include on that list on contacts.

**President's Report:** Sally reported on the support for the MRSPA scholarship fund. (request for a \$75.00 donation). Sally also mention it being FCRSPA's being 50 years old in 2016.

#### **Old Business:**

**Retiree Advocacy Committee Report-** Joe Polce: The committee met on October 24, 2015 to talk about a plan for political action, suggestions were to email and write a letter (1 page). Joe will meet with Missy Dirks, FCTA president to discuss working on a screening process for BOE candidates. He distributed a draft letter to possibly use to send to retirees and asked for suggestions for discussing the budget.

Missy has sent an email to United Way for volunteers to help provide tax assistance. There was discussion about the Advocacy Committee needing a budget. Judy Brandenburg moved to set aside \$1500.00 and Judy Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Committee Needs** : There is a need for membership involvement for 3 committees; Pre-Retirement, Constitution Revisions, and Handbook revision and distribution. Sally, Nancy and Judy Thompson volunteered to work together.

**New Business:**

**Website update:** see previous information in the minutes

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 Pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Blundell, secretary

Dates to remember:

Board Meetings: 1:30 PM at CTC

March 15, 2016

May 24, 2016

August 2, 2016

October 18, 2016

FCRSPA Meeting dates

March 8, 2016 Dutch's Daughter 12:00 noon

May 3, 2016 Morningside Inn luncheon noon

July 3, 2016 Jefferson Ruritan Club picnic

October 11, 2016 Lewistown Fire Hall

December 6, 2016 Dutch's Daughter Christmas Brunch