

Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association

Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2018

In attendance: Shirley McDonald, Sharon Rectanus, Nancy Gordon, Deborah Thackson, Marsha Wise, Joe Polce, Carroll Kehne, Fay Buckingham, Sally McMurry, Brenda Banko, Bill Price, Linda King, Sally Smith

Reports of Officers

Secretary's Report - Sharon Rectanus

- The minutes of the July 10, 2018 picnic were corrected and approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Shirley McDonald

- Checking: \$10,978.46
- Money Market: 6,043.17
- Received \$100 deposit refund from Jefferson Community Center.

Reports of Standing Committees

AARP Liaison – Linda King

- No reports during the summer

Archives – Cindy Stull

- Reports sent to Sue Heller

Auditing – Shirley Stroup

- Not required at this time

Community Services - Beryl Long, Claudia Harrington, Irene Bailey

- The following was submitted for the newsletter

The Community Services Committee distributes school supplies to county schools for needy students. An overflowing tub and two large boxes of supplies were collected at the Jefferson Ruritan at the July 10 picnic. Monetary contributions amounted to \$40 and will be used as sales appear at local retailers. Supplies will be delivered (probably in October) when the surplus of community back-to-school donations has started to dwindle.

There are needy students at every level, pre-K--12. Please bring new, un-used school needs including pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, glue, rulers, scissors, loose-leaf paper, binders, folders, spiral or composition notebooks, etc., or cash, to the October 9 luncheon in Lewistown. If you are unable to attend, please ask a friend to carry items for you. At the December Holiday Breakfast/Brunch (Dec.4, mark your calendars) we'll again collect unwrapped toys to donate to the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign.

Community Services also helps in gathering travel size toiletries for the Bridges to Success program to distribute to Frederick County students. Hundreds of soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes and toothpastes, and feminine products were donated at the July picnic.

Thanks to all who assist in providing the basic tools and human necessities to students in Frederick County schools.

Planning ahead, please begin thinking about nominating someone for the annual Community Service Award. You may nominate yourself or any other member of FCRSPA. Last year the nomination was heavily based on volunteer hours, but it does not necessarily need to be this year. Many types of contributions to our community are important and of great value.

Travel Size Toiletries

Have you come home from your summer travels with extra hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc.? Bring them to the October 9 luncheon in Lewistown and the Bridges to Success program will get them to disadvantaged Frederick County

Students.

Do you have an idea for a community project that the members of the Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association could tackle? Or, do you know of an existing project needing the help of the FCRSPA? Please contact Irene Bailey at braveirene@msn.com, Claudia Harrington at claudia280@comcast.net, Nancy Gordon at nlg45@aol.com, or any officer or board of directors member. We need some fresh ideas and we have many able volunteers.

Several ideas for a group community project have been suggested since the request above appeared in the last newsletter:

- teach cursive writing to elementary or middle school students and establish a pen pal letter-writing system, possibly with senior citizens
- supply breast cancer patients with post-surgical pillows
- Soles of Love, collecting shoes and boots for needy children
- New Vision Project: see Facebook
- work with Maryland School for the Deaf, if they need our help

Do these suggestions spark your imagination? Other possibilities? As with any new proposal, leadership and commitment are key ingredients. **Would you be willing and able to organize and take charge?** Let us hear from you.

- Also added was RSVP information. This organization is a volunteer network for 55+ and sponsored by the Asian American Center of Frederick.

Consumer Education – Dave Markoe

- No report.

E Mail – Bob Humphrey and Lois Humphrey

- Updated and ready for new handbook.

FCPS Liaison/ Health Advocacy – Joe Polce

Update on change to health care change:

- CareFirst website is harder to use than previously with United. Using the Zip code works instead of an address. Doctor lists will then pop up. If members have any problems with United, they should call Doris Toms at FCPS. All claims will be honored if legitimate from United.
- October 15 for open enrollment to change anything.
- Benefits have not changed.
- Make sure if getting hearing aids to use legitimate doctors
- \$1500 hundred increase allowance for dental January 1, 2019

Details will be described in next newsletter.

Legislative – William Price

- Bill will be going to a meeting in August to plan for the fall.
- Nancy shared a need in chairmanship at the state level.
- All encouraged to VOTE!

Membership – Marsha Wise and Deborah Thackston

- 747 members
- (725 state, 22 local)
- Suggestion to discuss at a future meeting "local only membership" and for those signing up again.
- Completed audit list and taken care of most of it.
- 97 new retirees letter sent
- Final mailing notices sent regarding renewal in October
- 59 unpaid cash members
- List being develop to reflect folks retired with certification...
- Emeritus update: Yeh to Marsh for updating! The following members turned 90:

Don Koontz

Warren Brake

George Kendrick

- Homewood Retirement will post our events. If they have at least 6 residents interested in attending , Homewood will run a shuttle to our events.

Nominating – Judith Brandenburg

- Mary Straits will act as co -chair to help Judy.

Publication – Sue Heller [stheller53@comcast.net]

- Articles due to Sue: August 10, 2018

Remembrance and Sunshine – Faye Buckingham

Brenda Martz

Thinking of You: 5

Sympathy: 7

Tom Shade at Somerford adjusting

Members who have passed away:

Frances Gilbert 9-19-17

Peggy Fairfax Cosley 4-25-18

Richard Kreh 5-24-18

Charlotte Holter 6-25-18

Francis “Jack” Patterson 6-25-18

Social - Brenda Banko and Sally McMurry

- Jefferson 127 members

- 2 Emeritus
- 1 guest photographer
- 6 no shows
- \$17 for Oct. Tuesday the 9th luncheon
- All meals for 2019 have been reserved.

Scholarship - Nancy Gordon-

- 2 scholarship given and their bios that will be included in Oct. newsletter
- Suggestions for ways to increase scholarships amounts are welcome.
- Nancy shared some state news that leadership will focus on membership. Pension increase as of July 1st statements. We are currently at 71%, shooting to 80% funded which is the national average. We are in good shape !

Website - Carroll Kehne

President's Report

Linda shared from her state meeting regarding membership

MRSPA President's Meeting - 7/18

MRSPA President's Meeting - 9/26 and 9/27 on membership

Calendar for 2018-2019

Unfinished Business

Recommendations for 2018-2019 : Suggestions:

- As we get to new directory attach to welcome materials for new members, then electronic or pay
- Months that we don't meet maybe we could include a social event.
- A reminder to recognize new members at meetings.

New Business

- Community Service Project- Possibly partner with Salvation Army as idea of providing after school music lessons.
- Survey in news letters to find out members would like for meetings (location, time, etc).

FCRSPA General Membership Meetings

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| October 9, 2018 | @ 12 Noon | Lewistown Fire Hall |
| December 4, 2018 | @ 8:30 am | Dutch's Daughter Restaurant |
| March 12, 2019 | @ 12 Noon | Dutch's Daughter Restaurant |
| May 14, 2019 | @ 12 Noon | Dutch's Daughter Restaurant |
| July 9, 2019 | @ 6:00 pm | Jefferson Ruritan Center |

FCRSPA Board Meetings:

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| October 16, 2018 | @ 2:00 pm | FCC/ CTC |
| January 15, 2019 | @ 2:00 pm | FCC/ CTC |

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| March 19, 2019 | @ 2:00 pm | FCC / CTC |
| May 21, 2019 | @2:00 pm | FCC / CTC |

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.