

**Frederick County Retired School Personnel Association
Board Meeting January 9, 2018**

Attendance: Linda King, Brenda Banko, Judy Brandenburg, Nancy Gordon, Claudia Harrington, Bob Humphrey, Carroll Kehne, Beryl Long, Shirley McDonald, Sally McMurray, Joe Polce, Bill Price, Sally Smith, Cindy Stull, Marsha Wise

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$7,347.82; Money Market: \$6,041.41

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. **AARP:** Linda had no new information.

2. **Archives:** Cindy Stull shared a scrapbook of early association news clippings and photos (started in July 1989) given to the association from the estate of Erma Stull Grove.

3. **Auditing:** No Report

4. **Community Service:** Beryl Long and Claudia Harrington shared the recent news article and photo from the December Brunch. Suggestions were made for the MRSPA Community Service Awards. Sally Smith will work with Shari Ostro-Scher on the project she founded (Children of Incarcerated Parents Program) as the local nominee and Nancy Gordon will contact John George for information on the Frederick Fair program as the local association nominee. Forms are due by April 1st.

5. **E-Mail Tree:** There was considerable discussion on the plan to e-mail newsletters to all members (except those without computers). Concerns remain about the cost (postage and printing) of mailing the newsletters. The discussion was tabled so that more information could be gathered on other printing sites as well as getting the newsletters ready for distribution in a timely manner.

6. **FCPS Liaison/Health Advocacy:** Joe Polce shared that the BOE is continuing work on how to fully fund the "Other Post Employee Benefits-OPEB" which the actuary states would cost \$26 million/year. Changes in benefits would most likely occur for new employees in order to add additional funds to this account. A subcommittee of the Insurance Council is meeting to work on this issue. A reminder that the insurance deductibles were reset as of January 1st. Currently, the self-insurance fund is 160% above the goal of having 1 month's worth of premiums available in the account.

7. **Legislative:** Bill Price reported on the MRSPA Legislative Workshop was held in November with four FCRPSA members in attendance. Bill serves on the MRSPA Legislative Committee which meets frequently during the state legislative session.

8. **Membership:** Marsha Wise distributed letters to be sent to the 19 non-renewals from this year for members to write individual notes encouraging payment of dues. FCRSPA has gained 19 new members during the fall.

9. Nominating: Judy Brandenburg reported that Tom Slater will assume the office of President-Elect and be installed at the May meeting.

10. Publication: The deadline for the next newsletter is January 18th.

11. Remembrance and Sunshine: Brenda Martz shared that several cards have been sent to members and that three members have died since the last meeting: Pat Deener, Lorraine Disque, and Pat Brown.

12. Social: Brenda Banko and Sally McMurry reported that there were 193 members and guests registered for the December Brunch. The March 13th luncheon will be held at Dutch's Daughter. There was discussion on the increased cost of meals at this facility and concern about plated versus buffet meals. Members were asked to suggest other venues for meetings/luncheons.

13. Scholarship: The Community Foundation recommends that \$1,900 be used as the basis for FCRPSA Scholarships. In the past, additional funds from the operating account has been used to increase the amount of scholarships and funds. **Motion: To provide one scholarship of \$1,900 for this year. The motion passed.**

14. Website: Carroll Kehne is working to keep the website updated. New information, photos, etc. should be sent to him.

Unfinished Business:

Sally Smith shared a photo of the basket donated for the COIPP Raffle/Auction and read a letter thanking the association for their contribution and support.

FCRSPA General Meetings:

March 13, 2018, 12 noon, Dutch's Daughter

May 15, 2018, 12 noon, Dutch's Daughter

FCRSPA Board Meetings: Note: Linda will check on the time and see if meetings can be held at 1:30 p.m.

March 6, 2018, 2:00 p.m., FCC/CTC

May 22, 2018, 2:00 p.m., FCC/CTC

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Gordon, Acting Secretary