

Minutes from QACREA Meeting October 10, 2017

11:30 Visitation/Silent Auction/Lunch

Richard welcomed everyone and offered the blessing. We enjoyed a delicious fried chicken and lasagna lunch provided by Susie's Kitchen. At 12:40 the bidding was closed on the silent auction items. While the meeting proceeded Bobbie Leverton and Tomi Fabri tabulated the results.

12:45 Meeting Called to Order

Pledge to the flag. Richard thanked Dave Van Wyck for the scrolling pictures of past events.

Sandy Hartmann introduced the guest speaker, Jody Simmons, from the DOHS. She explained the concept of The Village of Queen Anne's County. The proposal is to help keep elders in their homes. It is a membership organization and there will be a fee. In Talbot County the fee is currently between \$150 and \$200. Services are provided by volunteers from the community. You can be a volunteer and a recipient of services at the same time. Jody is trying to recruit people who are vested in the project to help get it started in QACo. The meetings are 11:00am the 4th Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at QADSS, 125 Comet Drive, Centreville.

Minutes- The scholarship recipient's name spelling was corrected to read Savanna. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report- The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Lynn explained that the CD was dissolved and the funds were added to the general fund.

Current Business – Members are encouraged to sign up to attend Board of Education meetings. This way we will make sure current members know who we are and what we've done. Richard tries to attend all of the meetings. The agenda has changed for comment time. It is now 7:00 or 7:15 or whenever they get to it.

Bobbie, Richard and Steve attended the Leadership Workshop. They met Wanda Twigg, the new executive director. We were reminded to go into the new state website. It has been updated and is user friendly. You will need to make up a new password.

Richard sent a letter to all elementary schools asking for their needs. The response was health room clothes such as sweatpants, underwear and socks. This will be our December contribution.

Volunteers need to keep track of hours since this information is reported.

Richard asked Ann Campbell to review the bylaws. Ann may be calling on others for input. The bylaws will be voted on at the March meeting.

Madeline has been working hard to get everyone on the e-newsletter. It helps reduce cost and by having email addresses we can email reminders.

It is imperative that reservations be made by the Thursday before luncheons so we have an accurate count.

Committee Reports

Membership Fannie reported that 102 members have dues deduction. 55 are paid, 4 are currently unpaid and we have 3 emeritus members. We have a total of 156 members + 9 new members. Our goal for this year is 166 and we only need 1 more member to reach our goal.

Legislative Steve will begin meetings in January. He passed out glossy information folders. We need to make sure our funding is not compromised and watch the investment returns. They are currently at 10.2% which is above the 7.5% benchmark. We are reminded to watch for incursions on our pension fund. Do not support any defined pension plan that allows pensioners to withdraw from the current fund. The pension fund is currently 71% funded. The goal is 85%. The committee is watching long term care options. The position on bills will be posted on the website.

Scholarship Bobbie announced that the silent auction brought in \$400. We now have enough money for the spring scholarships. A Christmas stocking filled with goodies will be raffled off in December. The graduation hat was passed for additional scholarship contributions.

Community Service It was suggested that we have a consistent program for contributions.

October will be silent auction to support scholarship.

December will always be a school project. This year the schools need sweatpants size 4-8, underwear and socks.

March we will collect canned goods.

June will be a freebie.

For the Good of the Group Between now and December think about your willingness to run for an executive office.

Lynn explained her discussion with the bank. It was easier to combine all the money in one account and separate it on paper in her report.

The December luncheon will probably be at Centreville United Methodist Church.

1:45 Meeting adjourned

Marge Felty, Secretary