

Queen Anne's County Retired School Personnel Association Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting June 11, 2019

11:30 Fellowship Time

12:06 Welcome- Bobbie introduced the scholarship winners. Richard blessed the food.
Luncheon provided by Helen Todd
Pledge to the flag

Minutes: Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance \$4,317.12 Approved as presented.

Disbursements 697.33
Total in general fund. 3,619.79

Scholarship fund \$5,152.39

Introduction of Scholarship Recipients: Bobbie thanked the membership for their generous contributions to the scholarship fund.

Bryanna Bundick, from KIHS, will be attending Salisbury University. She plans to teach 3rd or 4th grade but would ultimately like to start her own daycare.

Elizabeth Sterling, from QACHS. will be attending Towson University. She is planning on a dance education degree with a masters in Elementary Education. She interned in a 5th grade class. Elizabeth would like to teach dance.

Special Program: Sandy introduced Matt Evans who spoke about the Challenge Day and Suicide Prevention Walk programs.

The Suicide Prevention Walk will be held at Idlewild Park in Easton on September 28th to benefit American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Last year they raised \$60,000.

The Challenge Day gives 7th graders at all the middle schools a chance to interact with each other and community members (adults they don't know). The Challenge Committee prepares community members the morning of the event. There is follow up after the event. All school counselors and certificated staff have to be trained. The dates are 11/18 at SMS, 11/19 at CMS, 11/20 at Matapeake and 11/21 at Stevensville. Those who have done it in the past felt it was a very worthwhile program for students. Members were encouraged to participate.

Retirees: Richard shared the membership folders that were placed on the tables and encouraged everyone to take them to share with potential members. As of last week, there are

29 retirees. We are trying to personally deliver the leaflets to these people. Richard read the list of retirees to the group so we could let them know how much we would like them to join QACRSPA. They were recognized at the last Board meeting.

Membership Chair: Mary Holden was introduced as the new membership committee chair.

Volunteer Hours: We are collecting volunteer hours for the whole year.

Necrology: Susan Boone shared the passing of Mary Ruth Meredith. She taught for 45 years and was very active in many community organizations. Susan Seth's son, Ryan, passed away at 46 years of cancer. Other colleagues, Patti Jones Gaudet and Toni Pachak, school psychologist also passed.

First Day of School: We will meet at the Denny's on Kent Island for breakfast the day the students return to school, Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00. Breakfast will be individual order and pay.

State Meeting: The executive team at the state level has stayed the same. They continue to monitor the State Legislature. Maryland Pension is in good shape right now. We just hope that the people who are investing the pension funds stay on top of things.

Labor First: We have identified the need for Labor First to follow up now that members are using the new insurance and prescription plans. Labor First has been much easier to deal with than Humana. Lynn shared her personal experiences. Richard felt that the present plan may cost less but we weren't given the choice of staying with BC/BS if we chose to personally pay the difference. We hope to have a representative come in the fall to our meeting or a general meeting of retirees who are 65 or older.

The group sang Happy Birthday to Tomi.

Richard thanked the Executive Committee for the fine job they do.

Door prizes were awarded during the meeting. Sharon Darling asked who was providing them and offered to help.

Buy school supplies when they're on sale this summer but keep them until the middle of the school year.

Christmas dinner at Fisherman's Inn was discussed. The group voted to go with a luncheon menu. We will ask for a larger room and hope that it's possible since we're making the reservation earlier.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Marge Felty, Secretary