

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting December 11, 2018

11:30 Fellowship Time

12:00 Welcome The entertainment from GES had lunch at Fisherman's Inn through a grant before performing for us. Many were in this kind of a restaurant for the first time.

Richard offered the blessing before we enjoyed a delicious lunch.

The bucket drummers performed solo and rhythm pieces. Together they played "We Will Rock You."

Richard introduced Debbie Chance, our area director, before she left for the airport.

Door prizes were awarded during the luncheon.

Meeting was called to order at 1:23.

Pledge to the flag

Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

There will be a scholarship drive in October even though we can currently fund our recipients.

It was noted that the \$35 we paid for the luncheon did not include the tip but the organization is paying 20% gratuity for us.

Richard introduced several guests.

Wanda Twigg has been the executive director for 18 months. She shared leaflets and highlighted member benefits, legislative priorities for 2019, and the state scholarship (\$2,000 available to those who are currently employed), which is tax deductible. We were asked to endorse Richard Haines for trustee. Wanda said membership is declining.

Ann Marie Downey, MRSPA President, encouraged anyone interested in leadership to come to Odenton. Part of the decline in membership is due to the death of members which we have no control over. The tagline of MRSPA is connecting, protecting, making a difference. Our messages need to be clear, concise, compelling and consistent.

Board of Education members Captain Kelly, President, and Tammy Harper, Vice President, joined us.

Health Care- Richard is conversing with Theresa every 2 weeks. Letters have been sent by Humana. Theresa is the liaison but questions should be directed to Labor First. We were reassured again that you can use your local pharmacy. In order to use the mail order pharmacy you will need to get a new prescription from your doctor. Expect new cards next week.

MRSPA Legislative Conference Steve Strobeck and Richard attended the conference on November 14.

Sandy Hartmann will deliver the items that were collected for seniors to Steve Scott. They will be distributed in February by Meals on Wheels.

Bobbie Leaverton thanked everyone on behalf of Tomi and herself for their generous support of the scholarship fund. If you know a senior, going into education, encourage them to apply for our scholarship. Richard and Tomi will meet with Bobbie on 12/17 to set up the scholarship timeline for application, selection and visitation of the schools.

Mary Holden reported that there are no new nominations at this time. Current officers are all willing to continue.

Richard thanked Madeline for her work on the newsletter. She will add the new board members so they will also receive the newsletter.

Susan Boone shared the necrology report and thanked Mrs. Casey for information. Former school employees we lost were Richard Vanderwinder, Pat Biddle, and Donna Kay Rittenhouse.

Membership There were over 100 retirees at the health insurance meeting. We need to encourage them to join our organization.

Pam Edwards mentioned that Lawrence Dunn's wife passed. She also shared a very positive experience that she and Fred had dealing with Hearing America. They got good service and a small discount.

Our old website is no longer functioning due to the new name. Follow the directions to access the new site.

Meeting was adjourned after the group sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas".

Marge Felty, Secretary