

Minutes from QACREA Meeting
December 12, 2017

11:30 Fellowship and Greetings Richard welcomed everyone and reminded us that raffle tickets were available. We enjoyed a scrolling display of pictures from previous meetings. Richard offered the blessing and we had a delicious holiday luncheon provided by Susie's Kitchen.

1:00 The meeting was called to order. Pledge to the flag was followed by a wellness activity. We had to find a member who ? which led to good conversation and movement. Captain Kelly, Board of Education member, was introduced. She was the only person who had celebrated Christmas in a different country. Another activity was naming Christmas songs from clues.

Minutes The minutes were corrected to read QADSS Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services rather than DOHS. Minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report Accepted as presented.

Current Business In March we will hold elections/affirmation of officers for 2018-2019. By attending Board Meetings, we are introducing our members to current Board of Education members.

Volunteer hours were recorded and collected for June-December. Richard explained that volunteer hours don't have to be school related. Anywhere you volunteer is added in.

E Newsletter Madeline asked anyone who is receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, who could receive email, to let her know. We are trying to save the cost of printing and mailing. If you have questions or information submit them to Madeline.

Years of Service Each guest was asked to record the number of years they were employed in education as they arrived. During the meeting, those present guessed how many total years of service were represented in the room. The correct number was 1,130 years. Ann Campbell won with a guess of 1,120 years.

Remarks from Captain Kelly Captain Kelly said she had commanded ships with hundreds of sailors but it was more difficult raising one 14 year old boy. She will try to defend our benefits package. She recognized that when we became employees the assumption was the benefits would be there. Captain Kelly complimented Richard for putting faces with names. She will relay how many years of service were represented at the luncheon.

Membership Richard reminded us that for the cost \$1 a week we are guaranteed there is a voice standing up for our pension in the State Legislature. Guests were encouraged to take business cards to distribute.

Legislative Update Steve passed out glossy information folders to those who didn't get one in October. During this election year we don't expect drastic changes. Committee meetings will begin January 2018 and will be held every two weeks while the legislature is in session. Steve

attended a meeting on November 14 in Annapolis with members from all over the state. They heard a report from the Executive Director of Pensions. Our pension is a little over 71% funded with a target of 85% funding. The entire pension system earned 10% on investments which was a little above the 7.5% target. MRSPA vigorously opposes the effort of some legislators to introduce defined contribution retirement. The more folks we have as a voice that can say to the legislators do this, don't do that, the better off we will be.

Bylaws The Bylaws Committee will meet to go through the history, define roles and responsibilities of different committees. They will report at the March meeting and there will be a vote on the revised bylaws in June. Ann Campbell is chairing the committee with members, Richard McNeal, Susan Boone and Ruth Ford.

Necrology Let Susan Boone know of any members who have passed.

Sunshine Notify Kathy Draper if a member is sick or in the hospital.

Scholarship Bobbie thanked everyone for the silent auction proceeds in October which exceeded all expectations. \$310 was added to the Scholarship Fund from raffle ticket sales in December. The raffle winners were Mary Ruth, Vickie and Ann Marie.

Dottie Grier has a key to the one room schoolhouse which she will give to Richard.

After the 10 poinsettias were awarded, the group sang a rousing rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00.

Marge Felty, Secretary