

Queen Anne's County Retired School Personnel Association

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting of October 12, 2022

11:30 Visitation

12:00 Richard welcomed our luncheon guests. Dr. Saelens, Superintendent, introduced the new Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Marsha Sprankle. Additionally, Tammy Harper was thanked for her support of our association as she retires from the Board of Education at the end of this month.

Richard had decorated pumpkins on the tables that will be given to school secretaries and the local nursing homes. Lunch was provided by Susie's Kitchen.

Alicia Siegrist spoke about the IAL, Institute for Adult Learning opportunities available at the Kennard Cultural Arts Center. For \$90 a session you can take as many classes as you want on a variety of topics. There are social opportunities and trips as well. Approximately 30 classes are offered M-F, all in person, with no overlap. Several members commented positively about their experience with the program.

12:55 Meeting called to order

Minutes can be read on the website after each meeting. For those who prefer a paper copy, the minutes will now be available as you enter and not on the table.

Due to Lynn's move to South Carolina, Sue Miller has stepped in as interim treasurer. In her absence, Richard gave the treasurer's report:

\$12,497.72 in checkbook

\$ 7,631.18 in scholarship fund

Madeline reported on the 'We Don't Have To Go Back To School' breakfast at Denny's in Grasonville. The pictures, she included in the newsletter, were worth a thousand words. This popular event will continue next year on the first day of classes for QA Co students.

Necrology Several members have passed since our last meeting.

Jeff Straight

Stephanie Branham
Verna Callaway
Marcella Bordley-the first teacher of the year in QA Co
Barbara Sharp
Linwood Scott
Jay Baird

Succession Who's going to take over this role in the next few years? March 2023 is our election year. The existing board has agreed to continue but we need new people to work with us to be ready for the transition in 2025.

Bylaw Change Ann distributed papers explaining the proposed change to Article VII Executive Committee in our current bylaws.

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers and those appointed by the Executive Committee. (No change)

Section 2 All vacancies in office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Executive Committee *until the next election is held to fill the vacancy.* (Additional wording in Italics) There will be an official vote at the December meeting on this change. Steve asked if we needed a quorum to make the change and Richard said he would check on that.

Pam Edwards' daughters have organized a local walk for ALS, on October 23rd at the Rt. 18 Park. Information was distributed. The team needs to raise \$25,000 to be recognized by ALS. So far they have \$10,000 with two weeks to go. Mary Lou Nelson shared a list of several items that have been donated for auction. Karen VanWyck is organizing a Quilt Challenge with Sue Miller.

December 13th Meeting will be at Prospect Bay Clubhouse. Members are free to invite a guest. The price has not been confirmed yet. Responses will need to be made promptly so Prospect Bay can have a count two weeks in advance.

Richard thanked everyone for the water bottle donations. He and Sandy Hartmann will be getting them out to the schools in the next week.

Nancy Cook spoke about the history of the Hope Schoolhouse that we will be visiting after the meeting. Dr. Harry Rhodes and Chick Zakarian were influential in having the school moved to the back of the high school. John Graf and his shop

students restored the schoolhouse. They were nationally recognized for their work. Dr. Rhodes then thought it should be moved to the front of the school so people could visit. It is a historic site in QA Co. open the 1st Saturday of each month from May-October. Nancy requested members consider being docents.

Steve Strobeck gave each member a leaflet with the Legislative Priorities for 2023. He reminded us that #2 Health Care is a local issue, not statewide. The committee will begin meeting in January.

Richard commented the upcoming election is particularly important for school board members in QA Co. Consider carefully what the candidate feels the lay board's responsibility should be.

1:40 pm Meeting adjourned. Several members toured the schoolhouse.

Marge Felty, Secretary