

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting December 13,2022

11:30 Visiting with friends in the lovely Prospect Bay Country Club Dining Room

11:58 Richard welcomed everyone and introduced the invited guests:
Carla Duls, MRSPA president, Dr. Saelens, Dr. Sprankle and Jane Towers

As lunch was being served, Dr. Saelens explained a new program that the Board of Education is entering into with QA county employees. The hope is there will be more partners to lower the cost for everyone. Everside Health Center is an attempt to stay ahead of rising health costs. There will be no copay. Dependents who are currently on your policy will be covered. There is a website that addresses additional questions. It is hoped, the facility will be open this spring at 2977 4-H Park Road in Centreville. Our current insurance coverage will remain the same.

Carla Duls, MRSPA President, commented on several positive activities she is aware of in our organization. She shared the logo for her administration "Whether near or far, Your MRSPA membership benefits many." Carla mentioned that it is no longer necessary to travel to Odenton to be involved since zoom meetings are continuing. She shared several initiatives at the state level- Consumer Connections that is published every other month, travel committees, and scholarships awarded to those who are already working as well as \$300 mini grants to classroom teachers. One of the mini grants will be awarded to a QA county teacher next week by Richard and Carla. Special mention was made about community service outreaches. Carla is collecting data to let people in our communities know what retired school personnel are doing.

Ann Campbell reviewed the proposed bylaw change to Article VII, Section 2, adding 'until the next election is held to fill the vacancy.' The change was approved by a voice vote.

Jackie Wilhelm shared the results of the Facebook Christmas Family Feud. We evidently have VERY competitive members who kept Jackie entertained. The first five place winners were 1.Margot Massey 2.Madeline Hubbard 3.Tomi Fabri 4. Susan Boone 5. Michelle Husted

The gloves/mittens were filled with a candy cane and tied with ribbon to be distributed to the pre-K programs. Generous members donated 150 pairs.

Richard questioned each table about a familiar Christmas song before Ann Campbell played her guitar and led the singing.

Election of officers will take place at the March meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for an office, check with them first. If they agree, give their name to a member of the nominating committee-Jackie Wilhelm, Kathy Draper or Susan Boone. Special consideration needs to be given to a nominee for Vice President. The Nominating Committee will bring forth one name for each position, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

Richard gave Ann a poinsettia for her entertainment. Carla received one for her “white knuckle” ride across the Bay Bridge. Jackie was the youngest member present and Steve Strobeck and Willie Pauls were the oldest so they each received a poinsettia as well.

Tomi asked that someone address the group about the changes to our healthcare. Richard said it may be necessary to have a special meeting in January or February about the new health care system.

Sharon Darling commended Richard for the job he does for our organization.

2:06 Meeting adjourned

Marge Felty, Secretary