

Minutes from QACREA Meeting- June 14, 2016

11:30 Visitation

12:00 President Richard McNeal introduced the scholarship winners and their families who were our special guests.

Madeline Hollis blessed the food- a delicious summer luncheon prepared and served by Susie's Kitchen.

12:40 Meeting was called to order.

Jean Cupani acknowledged members of the Scholarship Committee, thanking them for their help.

Mary Higginbottom will be a special education, elementary education major at Grove City College. She plays soccer and got into education because of her little brother.

Caitlin Souder received a full scholarship to Chesapeake College. She plans to transfer from there to Towson. Her best friend had special needs which sparked her interest in education.

Minutes- Approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report- Lynn explained the March luncheon balance was due to an anonymous contribution. Concerns about funding the scholarships we're awarding were shared. There is a CD that has been held as a slush fund. This may be a source of funds if necessary. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Elections-Bobbie Leverton accepted as Vice President. The slate of officers was accepted. Volunteer sheets were placed on the tables. Everyone was asked to update their hours from Jan.-June.

Membership- Retirees are invited to join. Letters will be sent in July or August to the new retirees. As of two weeks ago there were 28 retirees in all areas. Personal invitations were encouraged. We have a current membership of 147 with 2 emeritus members. This is a .68% decrease.

Legislative- Steve reported a really good year for the Legislative Committee. Pension reform got everything they have asked for since 2011. It was put into the budget by Governor Hogan and passed by the Legislature. Death with dignity will be brought up again. This is not suicide. The committee will be meeting in August to set legislative objectives for 2016-2017.

Constitution & By-Laws- No report.

Pre-Retirement- Jack and Richard talked to Dan Lessard in March. Materials were left with him to give to new retirees.

Necrology- We need a new chairperson. Marcella Bordley is ill and is giving up the position. Mary Ruth Meredith has worked with her in the past and may be willing to take over the chairmanship. Richard plans to go to Human Resources in July to get the number of years of service in order to update the plaque.

Community Service- Jolly distributed flyers with information about school supply sales. She is placing boxes in the closet at the Board of Education to collect materials before the October meeting.

One Room School- This project has been on hold since Richard was acting principal at SES. The door and light still need to be replaced. It has been open since the beginning of May. Martha Anthony is heading up the project for the Historical Society.

Photography- Dave is taking pictures during the meetings. It was proposed that we have a display at the June meeting of the year's pictures.

Webmaster- Pictures can be viewed on the website. Go to QACREA.org to view.

New Business-Yellow sheets were placed on each table for members to record topics/programs for future meetings.

The executive board recommends we have Susie's Kitchen do the catering for this year. The group agreed with this decision.

-Where do we want the December meeting to be? Centreville UM Church or a restaurant? Jolly reported that December luncheon at Annie's would be \$31 a person on December 13, including room rental and tip. The American Legion charged \$100 for the facility and the Moose Lodge would charge \$350. Discussion ensued with CUMC being described as the most central location, more private, with the most variety of food. Linda shared that some people had expressed a desire to go to a restaurant. A vote will be taken through the newsletter.

-It has been a topsy-turvy year with issues at the Board level. Richard has been speaking at the Board Meeting, not as a representative of QACREA, but for himself. He expressed a need to be cautious in our dealings this fall since 2 board members have brought up the possibility of lowering support to retirees. We will need to keep an eye on the board to see their feelings toward this group. There's no predicting at this point what the board is going to do.

-Dates for next year's meetings will be October 11, December 13, March 14 and June 13.

Announcements

-Jeanne Hechmer shared that her guild has quilts on display at the Talbot County Quilt Show

-Richard let us know that Fiddler on the Roof was playing at Church Hill Theatre with many educators and students involved in the excellent production.

-Jolly thanked Richard for taking over as president while acting as principal at SES.

-Meeting was adjourned at 1:28PM.

Marge Felty, Secretary