

Queen Anne's County Retired School Personnel Association

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting of June 14, 2022

11:30 Lively member visitation

12:00 Richard welcomed everyone, with special greetings to our scholarship winners and their families. He expressed thanks to the businesses that donated prizes for the BINGO games. Additionally, Chick-Fil-A donated a gift card for each member attending the luncheon.

Susie decorated and prepared a delicious picnic lunch.

After lunch, Richard introduced Tara Palmatary (QACHS) and Amelia Galbraith (KIHS). Both of the winners thanked the association members for their scholarships and shared their educational plans.

12:55 Official meeting was called to order

Pledge to the flag

Treasurer's report and meeting minutes were available at each guest's place.

Richard said it was a tough budget year for the BOE but our health package is secure for another year. Our membership dues only cost \$1.07 a week to support association goals and safeguard our benefits.

Scholarship Bobbie shared that \$4,000 was raised through the scholarship drive this year. That gives us a total of \$7,500 in the account, after funding this year's scholarships. She proposed two options to disperse the money in 2023.

Option A Increase the amount of the scholarships to \$2,000 each. Total \$4,000

Option B Present three scholarships of \$1,500 each. One \$1,500 scholarship to a student from each high school and one \$1,500 to the most deserving student from either high school. Total \$4,500

The group voted for Option A. This amount can be changed again if funding goes up or down.

Pam Edwards asked if the category could be widened to include school counselors. Sharon Darling suggested we make a decision today rather than

waiting. By a show of hands, a student going into school counseling will now be eligible for the scholarship, in addition to future teachers.

Membership Mary has mailed letters to 33 retirees. As more personnel make the decision to retire she will send the letters to them. The BOE is honoring this year's retirees before the July 20th meeting. Richard and Mary will attend to welcome the new retirees and pass out information.

Madeline mentioned that QACRSPA is in the running again for an award as the county with the highest % increase in new memberships. The end date will be July 1st. Stay tuned! Richard reiterated it's not about numbers but about being able to get the information out.

Necrology Susan Boone reported those who have passed since the last meeting- Sophie Taylor (substitute teacher), Dottie Grier (teacher at SES), Sara Towers (media specialist) Rachael Weedman (99 years old- Sudlersville) and member Barbara McCreary's husband, John.

Jeff Miller shared that a plaque is being prepared to put on the anchor at Stevensville Middle School in memory of Bill Malasky.

Jeff Miller shared more of his thoughts about a Hall of Fame. He said it doesn't need to be a plaque on the wall, could be a brick as part of a walkway or wall. Pam Edwards questioned the location. With further discussion, the idea would be to honor someone with one brick per person. This moved the emphasis from fame to honoring. Hospice and the 4-H park currently have brick memorials so they may give us some insight. The feeling was, we should get it organized before presenting the idea to the BOE. Jeff is willing to ZOOM to answer questions or discuss further.

First Day of School Breakfast at Denny's on Kent Island August 29th—We will be celebrating NOT going back to school. More details to follow.

1:27 Meeting adjourned followed by BINGO for prizes.

Marge Felty, Secretary