

Queen Anne's County Retired School Personnel Association

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting March 10, 2020

11:30-12:00 Conversation with others

12:00 Richard welcomed everyone and blessed the food prepared by Helen Todd

Sharon Darling thanked everyone for their contributions to the food pantry at Calvary Asbury Church in Sudlersville. This church is serving approximately 50 people through the food pantry.

12:45 Call to order, Pledge to the flag

Minutes were approved as presented. Ann Campbell thanked Richard for the CD he included in the Christmas cards at the last meeting. He said he had several comments.

Treasurer's Report was accepted as reported.

Account Balance \$4,541.51

Scholarship Total 3,651.39

Total in Account 8,192.90

Program Sandy Hartmann introduced EMS Lieutenant Debra Hopkins who gave a very informative presentation.

-If it's nagging for 2 weeks, get it checked out. Emphasized cardiac in women.

-Before an emergency, go to the doctor at least once a year. Use the 5 minutes you're scheduled for. Ask questions.

-Need to stay calm & strong in emergency situations. You saw it-it's your ballgame.

-Never feel guilty about calling 911. Put it on speaker & put the phone down.

-Legal, medical power of attorney has to be in writing.

-EMS is emergency room on wheels.

-EMT cannot take living will. They can only take MMOLST signed by MD.

Sandy and Debra had emergency forms and holders available for everyone.

Membership Mary asked members who know someone who retired a few years ago to give her their addresses so she can contact them. Addresses are not available to her after the first year.

Necrology Susan Boone reported that Martha Godfrey, who was a media assistant at QACHS, passed.

Bob Garson's family is having a Celebration of Life on April 6th at Chestertown Yacht Club.

Scams Richard shared the website, Fraud Watch Network, aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.com. We were reminded not to give out our social security number.

Strong Schools Maryland The Karwin Committee name has changed to Strong Schools Maryland. There are a lot of good things in the report. The concern is how it will be funded. Mandated items have to be funded. Mandated costs will be pushed back to the counties. Richard is concerned that cuts could influence retired teachers' healthcare. If not ours, there might be changes for the next generation of retirees.

Scholarship Tomi explained the Scholarship Committee's proposal for a book scholarship. If we have \$500 over a \$4,000 base in the scholarship fund, a book scholarship would be offered to the second place applicant at each high school for \$250. Mary Beth Golt made the motion to approve the proposal. Motion passed. The scholarship information is available at both high schools.

Meeting Format Richard shared the Executive Committee's idea that October and March meetings will be more formal business meetings. December will continue to be a social meeting to celebrate the holidays. The June meeting will include minimum business and more emphasis on a social activity.

2:00 Meeting Adjourned

Marge Felty, Secretary