

BCRSPA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 13, 2014

The meeting of the Executive Board of the BCRSPA was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Edna Harris-Kurre at St. Isaac Jogues Cronin Center.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting as corrected and the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Special Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report of April 2014 was filed for audit. Dave Peters reported business as usual and all bills have been paid. Donna suggested that Dave might want to look into Vanguard for a better interest rate for our accounts since our CD with First Financial matures in May. Edna added that Vanguard charges a nominal fee for their service. She also offered a contact name and number at Vanguard. Ed questioned the concept of keeping a large balance in our accounts.

Announcements:

- Entertainment update for Oct. 21, 2014 Fall Luncheon Meeting: We will have a dance ensemble from Carver to perform.
- BCRSPA Executive Board Meeting Dates (2014-2015) were distributed. Ed questioned why the crab feast was not included. He was told that it was not an Executive Board event but one open to all members without a meeting.
- Edna reminded everyone to RSVP to the Price's concerning the August 16, 2014 picnic. See flyer that was distributed
- Executive Board Directory Update: Handout provided, David is still working to fill vacancies
- MRSPA Travel and Annual Meeting information provided
- Contact your legislators when prompted by MRSPA. We have had a low response rate in the past.
- Articles for September Issue of Update are due to Donna ([dmcopenhaver@gmail.com](mailto:dmcopenhaver@gmail.com)) by July 15, 2014. All were asked to proofread their material before sending.
- Clair reported that Don Roberts was ill. We will send a card.
- Thank you from Parker for the plaque we presented to him.
- Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame: we placed \$100 ad and Joan Pickens will be inducted this year.
- David will continue to try to have a meeting with TABCO President in order to build a better relationship between the organizations, and to discuss the possibility of holding 1 or 2 meetings there as well as the parking situation and use of the residents elevator for those from BCRSPA in need.
- It was suggested that we send a sympathy card to MaryAnn Hughes upon the death of her brother.

Committee Reports:

- Archivist/Historian, Tree Margolis: Tree said she has very few artifacts added to the archives this year. She also stated she would like a copy of our new letterhead for the files.
- Budget, Jack Woodward: No report
- Community Service, Kathy Dunkle: \$52 and 23 bags of food/school supplies/hygiene items were collected at the April 8, 2014 Annual Luncheon and Meeting for the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC). This is below our normal expectations.
- Constitution/Bylaws, George Sparks: Amendments made to the State bylaws do not apply to BCRSPA. George also questioned allowing members to be Grandfathered to belong only to BCRSPA since our bylaws state members must belong to MRSPA as well. Charlotte reported that of those Grandfathered, 10 are emeritus members and only 5 pay dues. The Board decided to allow the 5 to continue to be Grandfathered.
- Consumer Education, Joan Pickens: No report

- Health Care/Insurance, vacancy: No report
- Legislation, Don Roberts: No report
- Member Accounting, Charlotte Price: Handout furnished
  - Total Membership to Date: 1,969 (increase of 23 since 3/1/2014)
  - 9 new members – 2 reinstated
  - 2 deceased members
  - 15 BCRSPA only members
  - 119 state emeritus
  - 84 local emeritus
  - 1,837 MRSPA dues paying members
  - 1,766 BCRSPA dues paying members
  - 249 paid cash members
  - 317 unpaid cash members
- Member Recruitment, Mary Ann Hughes: no report; Edna wanted to know where the data base is for the May 20, 2014 recruitment meeting. Edna also stated that Kelly Marks is willing to hand out our recruitment packets at the end of each retirement interview. Charlotte and Clair said that is not necessary because the current system is working. The next pre-retirement seminar is scheduled for October 16, 2014.
- Nominating, Stuart Tucker: No report
- Program, Edna Harris-Kurre: The programs for the October and April General Meetings are scheduled.
- Publication/Update, Edna Harris-Kurre, Acting Editor: Update is currently available on-line and will be mailed the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June.
- Remembrance, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown: 30 cards have been sent; Cordella Snyder passed away February 2, 2014; there was a nice article about Walt Ampry in the Sunpaper.
- Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski and Camille Marx: To date 3 scholarships have been paid and we received a Thank You note from Emily Lehman. We will need assistance reviewing applications on March 3<sup>rd</sup> if we receive 50 or more applications.
- Travel, vacancy: No Report

#### Representative Reports:

- BCASCO, vacancy: No report
- TABCO, Jack Woodward: No report

#### Unfinished Business:

- New address (P.O. Box 44016, Nottingham, MD 21236-9998) is now fully functional. Because of some glitches at the post office, we received 2 additional months free. David asked that anyone who picks up mail to let him know so he doesn't need to run to White Marsh. David again requested that everyone on the Board who gets mail through the organization to be sure to file a change of address form with their contacts. It was also requested to have people put Attn: \_\_\_\_ on the outside of the envelope they are sending for easier sorting.
- Crab Feast: Al Henneman is donating the use of the facility (usually a cost of \$2,000-3,000) and he will take care of obtaining the food for us. Ed was asked to inquire about the number of participants needed to at least break even.
- David told the Board of the lack of success Donna was having in getting the BCRSPA tax-exempt status with the state. He also stated that according to the IRS, we never applied for C3 status.

New Business:

- Ed suggested having a retreat for the Executive Board members to plan out the upcoming year.
- Ed suggested that we hold more events/activities for the membership
  - ✓ David suggested we hold another bus trip to NYC for the Radio City Music Hall show. He said the date would be December 2, 2014 at a cost of \$125 per ticket (to include orchestra seats, free pop corn and soda at theater, bus cost, tip for bus driver, donation to the scholarship fund). A motion was made and voted to approve having David go forth with the trip and to authorize the use of funds for necessary payments and deposits.
  - ✓ Clair suggested that we use our Annual Project money for the upcoming fiscal year to hold a Breakfast with Colleagues and Prospective Members at Columbus Gardens (cost \$13 per person). Cost to the attendees to the event would be a toy for donation to Toys for Tots and/or a monetary donation to a Breast Cancer Organization. The event would include: breakfast buffet, socializing with colleagues and potential colleagues, Christmas caroling, visit with Santa, door prizes, and NO BUSINESS MEETING. Space would be limited to about 100. The members then chose the buffet breakfast options. Menu will include: coffee, tea, orange juice, tropical fruit bowl, bacon, sausage links, creamed chipped beef, scrambled eggs, hash browns, Belgian waffles, biscuits with butter and jelly. The members voted to have Clair make the arrangements with the Columbus Gardens. Camille volunteered to gather door prizes, Edna volunteered to get wine to add to prizes, Edna volunteered to get a few singers from the Senior Center, Clair said he could get someone to play Santa. Clair will meet with Columbus Gardens to secure a date for the event. Thursday, December 11 was suggested.
  - ✓ Ed asked how the Board felt about the high school scheduling issue that has been discussed. He asked if we should consider getting involved. Edna stated that we could not get involved in the issue that it was up to TABCO to be involved. Other Board members agreed.

Next Meeting: The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 at St. Isaac Jogues.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Donna Copenhaver, Secretary Pro Tem

The following members were in attendance:

Edna Harris-Kurre  
Dave Peters  
David Copenhaver  
Charlotte Price  
Camille Marx

George Sparks, Jr.  
Theresa Margolis  
Donna Copenhaver  
Mary Lou Brown  
Edith Kozlowski

Kathy Dunkle  
Linda Yaffe  
Clair Price  
Ed Veit