

**BCRSPA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2019**

There being a quorum present, the meeting of the Executive Board of the BCRSPA was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President Parker Koons at Saint Isaac Jogues Church Hall.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the Education Foundation Fund is \$2,906. Two scholarships were written from the Fund last spring. The Treasurer's Report for November was accepted and filed for audit.

Announcements: Joyce Cummings has been appointed to the MRSPA nominating committee as a non-board member.

Each Committee was reminded to submit their report to Donna for the booklet that will be handed out to members at the April meeting.

At the April meeting these reports will be given:

Budget report, Treasurer's report, Nominating Committee report and Legislative report.

Unfinished Business:

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following people for approval:

Donna Copenhaver – President-elect
Stu Tucker – Treasurer
Barbara Barzyk – Recording Secretary
Linda Yaffe – Corresponding Secretary
Clair Price – Director
Carol Rowell – Director

A motion was made to accept the slate. It was unanimously approved.

Donna and David presented a \$1,000 check to the Perry Hall Middle School Library. The students were very excited and helpful in processing the books. Approximately 60 books were purchased.

New Business:

Membership:

There is a concern about membership growing. It was suggested by MRSPA that a meeting be set to discuss this problem with the Board Presidents of Area 2, which includes Anne Arundel County, Harford County, Baltimore County and Baltimore City. No date or place has been determined yet.

Board Needs:

Since many of the Board members are doing more than one job, it would be helpful if other members could be recruited to take over some of these jobs.

Donna suggested that it would be helpful to merge the Member Accounting and Member Recruitment jobs into one committee. Mary Ann has been asked to consider taking over the Membership job. Donna made a motion to combine both standing committees into one and call it MEMBERSHIP. Bill seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Columbus Gardens:

A discussion was held concerning the increase in dinner costs at Columbus Gardens. It was decided to keep the price at \$23.00 for April and October 2019 with BCRSPA supplementing the additional cost. The minimum amount of members attending will be lowered from 100 to 75. The price will include the bartender and coffee. If necessary the price will be increased for the April 2020 luncheon. Information about costs will be sent out in the June newsletter.

The Education Foundation has started an Exchangeree in Windsor Mill. The purpose of this is to purchase supplies for teachers to use at no cost to them. The Foundation has gotten sponsors to donate money to purchase these materials. Donna suggested that BCRSPA become a sponsor and donate money to this cause. Hopefully BCRSPA could be recognized in some visual way for their support so current teachers will be aware of our contribution. Information about the Exchangeree Open House on January 30 can be found on their website: educationfoundation.org

Representative Reports:

BCASCO – Wes Dean attended a meeting in Randallstown at which a speaker talked about good nutrition. A culinary nutritionist spoke and basically said to “Just eat real food”. The second speaker spoke about the importance of drinking enough water. To determine how much water you should drink, divide your weight by 2. That will give you the amount of ounces you should have each day.

Standing Committee Reports:

Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon:

If changes are made to combine the Membership committees into one, the standing rules will need to be revised after the ByLaws are passed.

Community Service, Dave Peters

Donations made at the Breakfast with Colleagues were: 239 toys, \$560 for the Cancer Society and \$100 for Alzheimers Association.

Bylaws, George Sparks, Jr.:

No report

Consumer Education, BJ Rounsaville:

Two articles have been submitted for the newsletter.

Finance, Jack Woodward:

A proposed budget was given to members.

Legislation, Parker Koons:

The new session started last week. The House now has 58 bills to consider and the Senate has 111 bills as of now.

Member Accounting, Donna Copenhaver:

MRSPA total members – 1,590

MRSPA dues paying members – 1,466

MRSPA Emeritus – 124

New BCRSPA members since 11/9/2018 – 5

BCRSPA dues paying members – 1,470

BCRSPA members only – 12 (8 Emeritus, 3 paid 2018-2019 dues, 1 auto deduction)

Member Recruitment, Maryann Hughes:

No report

Program, David Copenhaver:

A program is needed for the October meeting.

Publication/Update, David Copenhaver:

David is working on the February KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP and the March UPDATE.

Public Relations, Clair Price:

Articles about scholarships and library donations have been sent to the papers. Sharon suggested that Tim Tooten be invited to our general meeting to help with our publicity.

Remembrance, Mary Ellen Zimmerman:

Fifteen birthday cards have been sent for December and January.

Recently deceased members are Leila Roberts and William Huppert.

Retiree Benefits, Joyce Cummings:

Joyce met with Nasrene and she said that the shingles shot should be covered under the Affordable Care Act and Medicare and Cigna should cover the cost. The shot must be billed under MEDICAL PREVENTATIVE and not PHARMACY.

Scholarship, Donna Copenhaver:

No scholarship applications have been received as of now. Donna has sent a flyer to all high school English Department Chairs and asked that they duplicate the flyer and give it to all of the high school chairs to remind students of the availability of scholarships.

Social, David Copenhaver:

The spring trip to the Dutch Apple Theater is March 21, 2019. Thirty-seven tickets have been purchased. February 4th is the deadline to respond.

Technology, Bill Groth:

Bill feels there is a lack of understanding technology among the majority of our membership and has tried to find an answer to help members with this. He suggested purchasing books from AARP Press for I-phones, I-pads and Samsung Galaxy phones that would help members learn more about their devices. These books could be borrowed for a period of time and then mailed back to the technology committee. An interest survey will be put on Facebook and in the next mailer before the books are purchased.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Barzyk, Recording Secretary

The following members were in attendance:

Barbara Barzyk	David Peters
C.David Copenhaver	Clair Price
Donna Copenhaver	Dale Rauenzahn
Joyce Cummings	BJ Rounsaville
Weston Dean	Cindy Schulz
Bill Groth	Caroline Seamon
Parker Koons	Jack Woodward
Sharon Norman	Mary Ellen Zimmerman