

**BCRSPA
Fall Luncheon Meeting
October 15, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Columbus Gardens by President Parker Koons.

BCPS STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT:

President Koons welcomed the group and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the second and third grade chorus from Norwood Elementary School who provided the entertainment for the group.

GREETING AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Following the program President Koons recognized those attending the meeting for the first time. He also introduced Janet Williams, Area II Director from MRSPA and George Denny, President-Elect of MRSPA. Mr. Denny encouraged members to personally invite retirees to join BCRSPA. Janet Williams stated that members in MRSPA and local organizations are declining because of death and also a decline financially because emeritus members no longer need to pay for their membership. New members are needed to join.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Bylaws state that a nominating committee consisting of 2 Board members and 3 others from the general membership group needs to be elected. David Copenhaver and Dale Rauenzahn will represent the Executive Board and Jack Nichols volunteered from the general membership. Two others need to be appointed to serve on the committee.

BCPS OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Karen Miles, Retirement Specialist for BCPS, stated that there will be minimal changes to the rates for 2020. Benefit Guide books will be sent out in November. For 2020 there are no changes to the benefit plans including prescriptions.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

The Baltimore County Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020, Kristen Nielsen, was introduced. Kristen is a teacher at Crossroads Center. She spoke of her intense dedication to the needs of her students. She made us aware of the problems that students face as well as the many needs of the school to provide extra support.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barzyk
Recording Secretary