

BCRSPA

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2017

The meeting of the Executive Board of the **BCRSPA** was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Donna Copenhaver at St. Isaac Jogues – Fellowship Hall.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the November 15, 2016 Executive Board meeting were approved as corrected – a spelling correction from Delmar to DELMAS in the Remembrance Committee report.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for November and December 2016 were e-mailed to the Board members. The November report was accepted for audit. Assistant Treasurer Cindy Schulz commented on scholarship money available in the December report. The total amount for the fund is \$42,022,83. This includes the amount in the budget, the Tress Scholarship, and money in the Money Manager and the Savings Account at FFFCU. Not included in the Balance Sheet report are the funds in the Foundation Account at the BOE. A discussion followed. David Copenhaver moved to keep to keep the same number of scholarships and amount for this year and consider increasing the number of scholarships and/or the amount next year. George Sparks seconded the motion. The motion carried. The December report was filed for audit.

President's Announcements/Communications:

President Donna Copenhaver introduced our guest Carmela Veit.

There are no Board members' birthdays in January and February.

MRSPA Scholarship Raffle tickets were received and the cost is \$100.00. David Copenhaver moved to continue to purchase the tickets as the Board has done in the past. Mary Lou Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

A reminder there is no Executive Board meeting in February.

The Maryland Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame nominations are due by April 10, 2017. Any member of our organization may nominate or be nominated as well as non-members for entry into the Hall of Fame. A suggestion was made to nominate the individual members of the Scholarship Committee.

MRSPA scholarship applications are due on February 28, 2017. Applications are available on MRSPA website.

Two thankyou notes were received one from the Alzheimer Association thanking us for our donation raised at the Breakfast meeting and from Richel Aguino for meeting with her group at Oak Crest concerning volunteering in schools under our organization.

MESA BCPS Day is requesting volunteers to help at their annual competition on March 22, 2017. The information was passed around for those interested.

Contact was made with Eastern Tech HS concerning a meeting and a luncheon at the cooking school. Dates are to be determined. The cost for the luncheon is usually \$5.00.

A phone call from Peter Franchot's staff thanking us for inviting him to speak at our luncheon in October. A flyer was received inviting us to a campaign dinner.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BCASCO – Weston Dean

Wes reported on people fifty-five and older seeking part-time or full time employment. **Applications** are available on websites and assistance is available at the Department of Aging office and Senior Centers in Baltimore County.

TABCO – Jack Woodward

A new director is being hired on February 1, 2017.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist/Historian, Caroline Seamon

Archives are on display on a table for Board members' inspection.

Bylaws, George Sparks

George deferred comments until the Standing Rules report.

Community Service, Dave Peters

No report

Consumer Education, BJ Rounsaville

BJ stated articles have been completed and Senior Box Office has published a list of trips, both overnight and day, which are being offered through their organization.

Finance, Jack Woodward

Jack is working on the FY 2018 Budget.

Legislation, Parker Koons

Parker reported 257 bills have been entered in the State Legislation and only one concerns the retirement program. Additional legislation is expected to be filed during the sessions. Individual counties are submitting special projects for the budget. There is nothing submitted concerning retirees.

Membership Accounting, Charlotte Price

New members - 13 (since November meeting)

Deceased members - 1

State Emeritus Members - 110

Local Emeritus Members - 65

MRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,615

BCRSPA Dues Paying Members – 1,564

BCRSPA Members Only – 14

We have increased our membership by 39 members. MRSPA has set our goal at 172, a 6% increase. George Sparks questioned why there is a difference in the MRSPA dues paying members and our association dues paying members. Charlotte will address this at the next meeting.

Membership Recruitment, Maryann Hughes

Our packets continue to be distributed by the Benefits Office.

Program, David and Donna Copenhaver

Dancers are being sought for the entertainment at the October meeting. The new chairman of the Board of Education, Edward Gilliss will be invited and possibly speak at one of our fall luncheon meetings.

Publication/Update, David Copenhaver

Articles are being submitted for publication. Copy of our publication is being sent to all

school principals for posting on the faculty bulletin board.

Public Relations, Clair Price

Clair reported President Donna Copenhaver sent a new release regarding the breakfast to the Baltimore Sun. The breakfast was a success with ninety-nine pre-registered and four additional people showed up and there were six to eight no shows. The minimum amount for 100 guests was paid as contracted. Everyone received a door prize. The total cost of the breakfast was under the amount budgeted (\$2200.00 spent and \$2600.00 budgeted). David Copenhaver announced the Toy-for-Tots organization will be presenting a certificate to us at our next meeting. Sharon Norman suggested organizations receiving our help will be invited to submit an article for publication in the Sun papers.

The telephone answering system is not functioning and Verizon is unable to repair or fix our problem. Sharon Norman moved to abandon the system and end our relationship with Verizon. BJ Rounsaville seconded the motion. Sharon Norman amended the motion to include ending the service after the Scholarship Committee completes its business. The motion was amended. A call for the vote ended in a tie; therefore, the motion failed and was not enacted. Edith Kozlowski volunteered to help solve the problem with Verizon and will meet with Clair. This will be revisited in March.

Committee reports are needed for the publication for the annual meeting in April. Patsy Holmes was asked to help Clair in completing the booklet.

Remembrance Committee, Mary Ellen Zimmerman and Mary Lou Brown

Mary Lou Brown mailed twenty-one birthday cards to members since our last meeting. One card has been returned by the Post Office from Jane Stone of Bridgewater, Virginia.

Mary Ellen Zimmerman reported four deceased members – Norma Bosse, Charles G. Miller, Katherine Miller, and Rita Timmons. Mary Ellen will do a different remembrance format at the Annual Spring Meeting.

Retiree Benefits, Joyce Cummings

Joyce has submitted articles to the newsletter for publication. Difficulties still exist with communicating with the Benefits Office.

Scholarship, Edith Kozlowski, Camille Marx, and Madeline Lovera

Currently checking the mailboxes and answering the telephone. Activities will increase and the date for filing nears. Announcements need to be sent to department chairpersons, editors, and advisors to the school newspapers to get the notices out about the awards.

Social Committee, David and Donna Copenhaver, and Clair Price

David announced there still a few seats available for the Cherry Blossom Festival. The bus company used for the association trips has a variety of tour packages and the list is available for anyone wishing to use their services.

Technology, Bill Groth

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Volunteer list from the Luncheon – Ed Veit has given the names of those who volunteer for committees to the chairpersons.

MRSPA Community Service Award – Nominees are being accepted at this time.

BCPS Connection Committee – There will be a brief meeting after adjournment. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Standing Rules Update - Carmela Veit distributed the draft of the Standing Rules. She briefly went through the document and encouraged everyone to read it and offer suggestions. George Sparks moved to refer the document to the Bylaws Committee for further review. The motion was unanimously seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Items were deferred to the March meeting. The Board will be notified if there is a change of location for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Kane, Secretary

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Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Executive Board will be March 21, 2017 at Saint Isaac Jogues Church Hall

Be sure to check the BCRSPA answering system weekly.

The following Executive Board members were in attendance:

Mary Lou Brown
Joyce Cummings
David Copenhaver
Donna Copenhaver
Weston Dean
Maryann Hughes
Patsy Holmes
Robert Kane

Parker Koons
Edith Kozlowski
Madeline Lovera
Camille Marx
Sharon Norman
David Peters
Clair Price
Charlotte Price

BJ Rounsaville
Caroline Seamon
Cindy Schulz
George Sparks, Jr
Carmela Veit (guest)
Ed Veit
Jack Woodward
Mary Ellen Zimmerman

