

**HRSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 29, 2009**

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler  
Vice President: Debbie Williams  
Secretary: Rose Tanner  
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn  
Past President: Swift Williams  
AARP Liaison, Historian: Vacant  
Membership: Debbie Firebaugh  
Hospitality: Carol Townes (absent)  
Social: Myrna Cartledge  
Newsletter: Lee Reynolds  
Mailing: Sybil Powell  
Publicity: Shirley Uzel  
Contact Chair: Janet White (absent)  
Remembrance: Linda McCullough (absent)  
Nominating Comm. Chair: Nettie Addison

Photographer: Shirley Uzel  
Legislative: Nelson Taylor  
Scholarship: Barbara Holdren  
Website: Linda MacCleave (Absent)  
Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge  
District C/VRTA: Nancy Harris  
Support Service Rep: Thomas Folly (Absent)  
Others: A. P. Hall (absent)  
Audrey Batchelder  
Joanne McCabe (absent)  
Barbara Porter

Dianne Shuler, President brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She recognized the 18 members present. Two new board members were recognized– Nettie Addison, **Nominating Committee Chair** and Barbara Holdren, **Scholarship Chair**. Bev Beazley has resigned as Publicity Chair.

Rose Tanner, **Secretary**, read the minutes from the last Board meeting. Having no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as read.

Becky Goshorn, **Treasurer** handed out the treasurer's report. The bank balance as of 1/29/2009 was \$8023.94. The report was accepted as presented. The luncheons are still operating at a deficit. The October luncheon was \$200.00 in the red. A motion was made to give a \$100.00 donation to our Scholarship Fund in memory of Ginny Sencindiver. It was seconded and passed.

There was much discussion about raising dues and/or raising the price for the luncheons. Both items were tabled until the next board meeting. It was decided to put a survey on each table at the March luncheon to ask the questions: If we raise the amount for the luncheon, will you still come? Do you have any suggestions for change of venue (new location)? Would you be opposed to a box lunch? What kind of program/entertainment would you like to see at our meetings? Board members will help each table to fill out the forms so that we can the feedback we need. It may be necessary to have an extra board meeting to discuss these topics.

The programs for the March and October luncheons are still not set. There was much discussion and suggestions for possible programs: Tom Witten to play piano; a Mini Safety Fair, incorporating a neighborhood watch program, the Tech Center, businesses with services pertinent to our membership, dental, doctor, banks; the group "Just Us" to sing; Kitty Boitnett, VEA President to speak at a meeting. Dianne and Debbie will follow up and set the program as soon as possible for the March meeting.

**President's Report:** Dianne had been approached by Adam Packett with John Hancock Insurance and asked if he could speak at our luncheon. After much discussion, it was decided not let him speak as we would be setting a precedent for others, but to suggest to him to advertise in our Newsletter.

Dianne reported that we donated \$75.00 from HRSPA to the Christmas Mother, along with another \$180.00 from the membership. Hilliard House still has needs, especially paper products. We continue to support S.S. Challenge.

Debbie Firebaugh, **Membership Chair**, reported that we currently have 485-490 active members.

Janet White, **Contact Program Chair**, was not present. After some discussion, it was decided to put a reminder in the March Newsletter for upcoming renewals. The date for the new retirees luncheon is May 21.

The organization will be in need of many volunteers to take over the committees as many may resign after several years of service. We all need to start looking for help.

Myrna Carledge, **Social Chair**, was thanked for the refreshments.

Lee Reynolds, **Newsletter Editor** – Deadline for articles for the February Newsletter is February 2, 2009.

Sybil Powell, **Mailing Committee** will meet on February 10 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Martins to send out the February Newsletter.

Barbara Holdren, **Scholarship Chair**, has sent the information to the schools for candidates. The information is due to her by April 15. The decision has to be made by May 1. She will ask for volunteers to help with the decision making process at the March luncheon.

Nelson Taylor, **Legislative Chair**, praised Charlie Todd, our lobbyist for the fantastic job he is doing. He also praised Bea Morris, State Legislative Chair, for her continued fight to keep what we have. The proposal for the Health Credit for Support Personnel died in committee.

Dianne asked if we should continue to update our History Blue Book. Everyone agreed we should keep the book and update as necessary.

Shirley Uzel, **Photographer**, will bring her laptop with pictures to the March meeting for all to see. She also volunteered to take on the Publicity Chair position.

Nettie Addison, **Nominating Chair**, asked if Debbie Williams, Vice President and Becky Goshorn, Treasurer, will continue their positions for the next two years. They both agreed.

The next **HRSPA BOD Meeting** was scheduled for **August 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Martins. Other dates discussed were October 22 or 29 for Fall Luncheon; January 20, 2010 Board of Directors Winter Meeting; March 11 or 18, 2010 for Spring Luncheon; June 24, 2010 for Summer Luncheon.

The Bylaws Committee met after the board meeting to review and make final revision to the bylaws. The complete changes will be put on the web site. A summary of changes will be put in the Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner  
Secretary