

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Firebaugh at 10:00a.m. The following board members were present: Debbie Firebaugh, Thomas Folly, Becky Goshorn, Becky Wickline, Debbie Williams, Chris Chilton, Janet White, Rose Tanner, Mary Ann Cisne, Lee Reynolds, Nettie Addison, Brenda Huyoung, Barbara Holdren, Mary Brownfield, Dianne Shuler.

The minutes from the January 20, 2011 Board meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Becky Goshorn presented her report. We currently have \$9,835.53 total in our bank accounts. The new luncheon venue means that there is less of a drain on our budget. We currently show a budget deficit of \$231.95, but Becky said that is typical and that we can expect to collect more dues before the end of the fiscal year.

Debbie Williams, Vice President, announced that the June 23rd luncheon will feature Ray McAllister, editor of Boomer magazine, Times Dispatch writer, and local author. He will be having a book signing of his books on the Outer Banks.

Debbie has sent out a survey for suggestions for future programs. The leading idea was for various musical groups or possibly Barksdale's Bifocal Performers, but this cost may be prohibitive. It would be difficult to get school groups because of the time of the luncheon and the fact that it is not held in Henrico County. Debbie will be looking into various program options and funding opportunities.

The following dates were proposed for next year:

August 25, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting

October 27, 2011 – Fall Luncheon

January 26, 2012 – Board of Directors Meeting

March 15 or 22, 2012 – Spring Luncheon (22nd preferred if available)

April 26, 2012 – Board of Directors Meeting

June 21, 2012 – Summer Luncheon

Debbie will check with Willow Oaks Country Club about availability.

Chris Chilton reported that there are 469 members as of now. The Retirees Reception will be June 1, 2011 at 4:15 p.m. at Glen Allen HS. It was suggested that we give each retiree a small gift to promote the HRSPA. Each retiree will receive the usual welcome packet including the June newsletter via the pony.

While discussing the Contact Program, committee chairman Janet White questioned the need to call and mail the 7 year retirees to get them to join HRSPA. It was found that this has not been productive – only a few joined, and many newsletters were returned because of old addresses. It was decided to send newsletters in September to 2010 retirees who haven't joined, as well as to the 2011 retirees.

Rose Tanner and Janet White on the Hospitality Committee asked to have all reservations for the June luncheon due by June 16th. Mary Brownfield was thanked for providing the refreshments for the Board of Directors meeting.

The Legislative Committee, chaired by Mary Ann Cisne, was recognized for the hard work they did during the legislative session. MaryAnn, Debbie Williams and Debbie Firebaugh reported on a lobbying workshop they attended that was held by Connect Richmond. It was suggested by a legislator that the

General Assembly members have more time to listen to visitors when the Assembly is not in session and it might be wise to continue visits. Del. Joe Morrissey, who attended the last luncheon, suggested that the HRSPA come to the gallery at the General Assembly as a group and be introduced. This would create more recognition for the group.

The deadline for newsletter articles is May 20th and the Mailing Committee will meet on May 31st.

Brenda Huyoung, philanthropy chair, said that the collection for SS Challenge had been very successful and we had received a thank you from Paula Roop from the Henrico Education Foundation as well as several schools for the school supplies support. Hilliard House, which is our June philanthropy, said they prefer cash contributions so they can buy what they need in bulk. The board may want to reconsider whether we should continue using the proceeds of the raffle exclusively for philanthropy at its next meeting.

Barbara Holdren, chair of the Scholarship Committee, said that the applications for the scholarship had increased to 16 and that a winner and runner up had been chosen. Information on the scholarship had been sent out through the county, GRASP, and contact made with the schools, which may have accounted for the increase in applications. Barbara also suggested that we might want to change the scholarship criteria so that need would be a consideration. The scholarship for District C is need based. Barbara also said that she can no longer continue as chairman and a new one needs to be named. The Board of Directions thanked Barbara for her work.

Dianne Shuler will attend the VRTA meeting in May in Blackstone. Dianne will also serve on an AARP women's scholarship committee.

Mary Brownfield reported that District C had received 43 applications and awarded 2 scholarships, with both winners from Hanover County. These are one-time scholarships given because of excess funds.

Debbie Firebaugh said that each group in District C can get \$50 for one attendee to attend the VRTA Spring Meeting. The District C Spring Meeting will be held on May 19th in Chesterfield County. HRSPA will be represented.

HRSPA will send a letter to Henrico County Public Schools offering some suggestions for improvement of the organization of the PREP program. These suggestions are based on a survey we did of PREP participants. The efforts of HRSPA to help retain the PREP program were recognized.

It was suggested that there be a committee formed to address the increased insurance rates for those members who are in the county's Medicare supplement program.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Wickline