

Henrico Retired School Personnel
Board of directors
August 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Firebaugh at 10:00am. 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, Netting Addison, Mary Brownfield, Dianne Shuler.

Debbie welcomed Pat Rollison, new Scholarship Chair, to the Board. She also announced that we would not be having a Publicity/Photo chairman at this time, but that Shirley Uzel would remain on the board as an at-large member.

The minutes from the last Board meeting were distributed. A correction was made and they were approved as corrected.

Becky Goshorn presented the treasurers report. We have \$7,903.32 in the HRSPA account and \$1,674.20 in the scholarship account. Becky presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012, which was approved by the Board. Since we ran a small deficit last year, it was decided that we would return to the practice of putting the raffle funds in the general fund and evaluating at the end of the year if we have enough income to make additional contributions to our philanthropy. We also need to remind members that they can make contributions to the scholarship fund as a memorial or in lieu of flowers. We will remind members to continue using their reward cards at Staples and turning in empty printer cartridges. It was agreed that the Association give a donation of \$100 to St. Martin's Church for allowing us to use their facility.

Vice President Debbie Williams presented the program for the Fall luncheon. She has been in touch with the Osher Learning Institute at the University of Richmond, which has an extensive speakers program for retirees. She will pick a topic of interest, and the OLL will also be recruiting new members at the luncheon.

The June luncheon had a very low attendance; less than 70 people. The Board discussed the possible reasons for this and the consensus was that we should rearrange our luncheon schedule. A motion was made and passed to move the Spring luncheons to March 8th and May 31st. The next Board meeting will be January 19th and the April meeting will be moved to April 5th.

Scholarship Chair Pat Rollison reported that she will meet with former chair Barbara Holdren and the committee this fall to review the scholarship guidelines and perhaps add a financial need component.

Cris Chilton reported that we currently have 419 members after non-renewals were put on the inactive list.

Janet White reported that the Contact Committee members are currently calling 2011 new retirees, 2010 potentials, and 2010 non-renewals. They will also be receiving newsletters.

Hospitality Committee co-chair Janet White put the deadline for the October luncheon responses on October 20th.

As Legislative Chair, Mary Ann Cisne reported that the committee will start its work after the election. We are planning to contact Delegate Morrissey to organize a visit during the General Assembly session. School Board elections will take place in November. The only contested seat will be in the Brookland District, as Linda McBride will not be running again.

The Mailing committee will meet at 9:30 am on October 4th at St. Martin's to prepare the newsletter. All who can help should attend, as this is our big mailing of the year.

Lee Reynolds announced that the deadline for newsletter articles will be September 23rd.

Election of all officers will take place at the May 31st meeting. The newsletter will have a request for members interested in serving on the nominating committee. The Board will approve that committee at its January meeting.

We will continue to support our three philanthropies this year: Christmas Mother in October, SS Challenge in March, and Hilliard House in May.

Linda McCullough reported that condolences continue to be sent - online when possible. Please continue to let her know when cards should be sent to members who need get-well greetings.

Again, thanks to Mary Brownfield for providing the refreshments for the Board meeting.

Dianne Shuler will be attending the VRTA meeting in Blackstone on October 3rd and 4th. HRSPA is featured in the Fall VRTA newsletter. The new VRTA bylaws are posted on the VRTA website. Becky Goshorn is redoing the state directory for the VRTA. Dianne is working on VRTA membership records.

District C has a new president and secretary. A meeting will be held on September 8th to work on the budget and new bylaws. Dianne, Becky G, and Debbie will attend. The Fall meeting will be held on October 6th at Randolph Macon College. Details will be mailed to District C members. HRSPA will host the spring meeting of District C.

Linda MacCleave will continue as webmaster.

Debbie recently created a new PREP online survey. Most participants responded positively regarding their assignments. It was suggested that HRSPA send the superintendent a thank you letter for listening to the PREP concerns. Dianne and Becky will follow up with that.

The concern was presented on helping shut-ins participate in the luncheons. We need to identify people who need transportation. We will ask members in the newsletter for names of those in need.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00

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