

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Firebaugh at 10:05 a.m. The following board members were present: Mary Brownfield, Debbie Firebaugh, Thomas Folly, Becky Goshorn, Joann McCabe, Sybil Powell, Lee Reynolds, Dianne Hughs Shuler, Rose Tanner, Janet White and Debbie Williams.

The minutes from the August 19, 2010 Board of Directors meeting were distributed and approved.

Treasurer Becky Goshorn presented her report. We currently have a total of \$9,007.96 in our accounts, \$1,896.20 of which is in the Scholarship account. Becky noted that most of our income comes in May when members join or renew their memberships. It was also noted that the net expense from the treasury for our October luncheon was less than \$20, which is quite a change from the past few years. Becky announced that Pam Caldwell (a member) had reviewed the books and found them in order. Upon a change in treasurer, our books will be audited by a professional. Our tax status has changed to 401 C(4). Becky will file the required tax form electronically as soon as the account is set up at the IRS. The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Next Debbie Williams, Vice President, reported on the October luncheon. It was well attended and the legislative program was well-received. She was able to post video from the luncheon on You Tube so that members who were unable to attend could watch the social time and program. The program for the upcoming March 17th luncheon will have a travel theme. It was suggested that members might want to bring pictures to share.

Future dates of importance:

March 17, 2011 – Luncheon Meeting

April 28, 2011 – Board of Directors Spring Meeting

June 23, 2011 – Luncheon Meeting

Dates for next year will be set at or before the April board meeting.

The current membership of HRSPA is 465. Janet White reported that 300 contacts were made last summer. We will decide which groups to contact next summer at the April meeting after we analyze the success of last year's calls.

Cris Chilton has done technical edits on the bylaws due to the change of our tax status.

The deadline for reservations for the March luncheon will be March 10th.

Debbie praised the efforts of Mary Ann Cisne and Debbie Williams in organizing and carrying out our new legislative program. A committee of volunteers met, received training, and visited all Henrico legislators except for Delegate Bill Janus, who did not respond. The visits were well-received by the local legislators. Discussions were based on the VRTA Legislative Priorities – the health of VRS topped the list. These efforts will be featured in the next newsletter and continued in the future.

Newsletter articles need to be in Lee's hands no later than February 11, 2011. The mailing committee will meet on February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. at St. Martin's.

Becky Goshorn , treasurer, and Debbie Williams, vice president, have agreed to continue in their positions and will continue to hold them until elections in June of 2012.

Our philanthropy next month is SS Challenge. Email reminders have already been sent and will be sent again to members so they will bring school supplies to the March luncheon.

Deceased members will be memorialized at the March luncheon, since there was not enough time in October.

Information about the HRSPA teacher's scholarship has been sent to the scholarship facilitators in all the high schools in Henrico County by scholarship chairman Barbara Holdren. A discussion followed about how we could increase interest in applying. We will revisit this discussion after we see if the small number of applicants that we had last year happens again.

Debbie thanked Mary Brownfield for bringing coffee and snacks.

The VRTA Spring Meeting will be held in Blackstone on May 9th and 10th.

Debbie F. and Dianne attended a District C Board meeting in November. The District C board has decided to use excess funds to give two \$1,000 scholarships. A scholarship committee made up of one member from each unit will get together to set up guidelines and award the scholarships. They may not be awarded until next year. Mary Brownfield will be our representative. Another District C Board meeting will be held in March, and hopefully there will be some answers about the purpose of District C at that time. The general District C meeting will be held at the Fulghum Center in Chesterfield County on May 19th.

Debbie F. proposed to the board an increase in dues to \$10.00 per year or \$25.00 for those who pay three years at a time. The reasons for a dues increase were discussed. The additional money would be used to support our philanthropies, our District C membership, our legislative efforts, etc. It was also noted that there has not been a dues increase for at least 5 years. The board passed the dues increase unanimously.

After hearing concerns about how the PREP program is working this year, we initiated a survey of our members. We received about 50 responses. Becky and Dianne have volunteered to communicate with Central Office about these concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.