

HRSPA Board of Directors Meeting

August 19, 2010

President: Debbie Firebaugh	Nominating Com. Chair: Nettie Addison
Vice President: Debbie Williams	Legislative: Mary Anne Cisne
Secretary: Becky Wickline	Scholarship: Barbara Holdren
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn (absent)	Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge
Past President, VRTA: Diane Hughs Shuler	Support Service Rep.: Thomas Folly
Membership, Bylaws: Chris Chilton (absent)	Others: A. P. Hall
Hospitality: Rose Tanner (absent)	Joanne Mc Cabe (absent)
Social: Mary Brownfield (absent)	Barbara Porter (absent)
Newsletter: Lee Reynolds	Carol Townes (absent)
Mailing: Sybil Powell	Webmaster: Linda MacCleave (absent)
Philanthropy chair: Brenda Huyoung	
Publicity, Photography: Shirley Uzel (absent)	
Contact Chair: Janet White	
Remembrance: Linda McCullough	

Debbie Firebaugh called the meeting to order at 10:00. There were fourteen members of the board present. Debbie asked for any corrections to the new contact list that was given out.

New members Brenda Huyoung , philanthropy chair and Becky Wickline, secretary were introduced and welcomed.

Becky Wickline , secretary, read the minutes from the last board meeting and they were accepted as read.

Becky Goshorn, treasurer was not present. She had submitted a budget for the 2010-2011 year. There was not as much money from ads in the newsletter and Debbie Firebaugh said she would send emails to see if anyone wants to place an ad.

The new location for the luncheons, Willow Oaks Country Club, will save money this year. The price of \$18 a person should cover the expenses. Also, the raffle was a great help for the budget and helped cover the expenses.

The cost of printing was held down by the use of the Staples card.

Barbara Holdren, scholarship , stated that the scholarship was undersubscribed. One of the recipients did not enroll as expected. She also asked if this year's scholarship had been paid as the budget

presented shows last year's payment. Income for the scholarship comes from \$1.00 from dues plus contributions

The budget was accepted.

The President stated that her goal is to grow the membership. More can be done with more members and it will spread the work out. We need to get as many new people as possible involved in the organization.

Debbie Williams, vice president said she was working on the October luncheon program on legislation. She has invited eight representatives from Henrico County to participate and has gotten four confirmations.

An email was sent to members asking for questions to present to the legislators. It would be more efficient and keep the focus if all of the questions were selected ahead of time instead of taking them from the floor. By inviting the legislators, they will know that we care about education and that we are keeping an eye on what is going on.

It is planned to do a live stream and a recording of the meeting for those who are unable to attend.

Ideas for other programs were suggested. Possibly in June have a travel program and those members who are involved with the travel industry could participate. Also, a brain fitness theme was suggested.

Membership chairman, Chris Chilton was absent but it was reported that there are 422 members.

Lee Reynolds designed and made business cards to give to retirees to help encourage membership. She suggested that board members carry the cards so they can be given to any retirees they may run into.

Janet White said that the June newsletter had been sent to the schools to give to the new retirees .

Barbara Holdren, scholarship said that the scholarship was presented to one winner at the Freeman awards assembly We need to get the word out about the scholarship. Working with GRASP will be looked into to help get the word out. We also need to find which schools have teacher cadet programs. We could also put the scholarship application on line.

The hospitality committee said that the deadline for the October 28 luncheon will be October 10. The newsletter needs to make changes about the location of the luncheon and to include directions and the location of toll roads.

They will be no board of directors meeting before the General Assembly meets but email will be used for updates.

Lee Reynolds said that the newsletter will be mailed October 4. All articles must be submitted by September 15. There was a suggestion that the newsletter be put on line. If this were done, it might not get read as so much comes by e mail and that any attachments would be a problem.

Implementation of the new bylaws with respect to elections was discussed. At the end of this year, the board will appoint a vice president and a treasurer for one year terms. Then the full board will be elected in 2012.

Parliamentarian, Gordon Sandridge had no report.

Brenda Huyong, philanthropy chair, said she would try to get the Christmas Mother to give greeting at the October meeting.. There will be envelopes out for donations . Although there are many more charities, only donations to Christmas Mother will be done so as not to dilute those contributions.

Donations to Hilliard House are down. The problem may be that members are unfamiliar with what they do.

The Raffle proceeds will be given to a specific charity this year.

There was no information on district C of VRTA. Possibly a meeting is to be held on October 9 but the location is not known. Diane Hughs Schuler will look into this.

New business was to send a plant to Audrey Batchelor who had moved to Arizona.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.