

**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2019**

A quorum being present, President Ann Marie Downey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The agenda was approved with flexibility as printed.

The minutes of the December 5, 2018 board meeting were approved as printed.

Alicia Hardisky, Treasurer, shared the February 28, 2019 treasurer's report. Assets are somewhat higher than this same time last year; membership dues remain constant from last year; expenses are in line with budget projections with some cost exceptions (Leadership Training, Legal Fees, Printing).

<u>Figures February 28, 2019</u>	
Checkbook Balance	\$ 135,264.77
Bond Fund	0.00
Savings	0.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00
Mutual Funds	562,461.99
Current Assets	697,726.76
 Total Assets	 697,726.76
 Total Liabilities	 313.58
Net Assets	697,413.18
Total Liabilities/Net Assets	\$ 697,726.76

The report was filed for audit.

President's Report: Ann Marie shared highlights from her written report and added: attended the Travel Committee meeting and briefly explained an Ad Hoc Committee on securing additional non-dues revenue which is reflected in the proposed budget.

Executive Director's Report: In addition to her written report, Wanda provided an update on the search for a full-time staff member with 40 applications received, but none with Access knowledge. Interviews are being planned for the next few weeks. She shared a hand-out of comparisons of Event Venues for the 2020 Annual Business Meeting: Comfort Inn, Martin's Camelot, Martin's West. **Motion: The Executive Director contract with Martin's Camelot for the 2020 Annual Business Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2020. The motion passed.**

Vice President's Report: A written report was received from VP Charlie Gable.

Area Directors' Reports:

Area I West: Henrietta Lease submitted a written report.
Area I East: Sally Smith submitted a written report.
Area II North: Janet Williams shared a written report and applauded the recent regional Membership Training.
Area II South: Harold Siskind submitted a written report.
Area III North: Dr. Debbie Chance was absent but submitted a written report.

Area III South: Bev Yurek submitted a written report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Lorraine Johnson was absent but submitted a written report. Bylaws changes to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting were approved at the December 2018 BOD meeting.

Community Service: Trish Bendler submitted a written report.

Consumer Education: John Sisson shared a written report and highlighted the new draft FYI document that members can use to keep record of important information, and a new draft EMS information document which members can post in their homes, or carry on their person, along with a MOLST or abbreviated medical directive form. The EMS document in a vinyl envelope will be given to delegates at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting.

Finance: Dr. Stephen Raucher was absent, but Fay Miller presented the FY 2020 Proposed Budget. The budget is based on 12,799 dues paying members. Specific changes include: one-time transfer of \$57,115 to offset dues received and expended in FY 2019, an increase of \$8,000 to fund regional membership workshops and other membership activities, \$1,150 for sponsorship of a table at the MD Teacher of the Year Gala, \$1,000 to fund an Ad Hoc committee to seek non-dues revenues for the Annual Business Meeting, four percent salary increase for staff, and actual costs of software and virus protection. Total budget projection is \$730,060. **Motion: The Finance Committee moved to accept the FY2020 Budget as proposed. The motion passed.**

Legislative: A written report was received from the committee. Wanda added that Ken Haines is the sole candidate for Trustee on the Pension Board and the successful MRSPA Lobby Day was held on Friday, March 1st. The Legislative Committee voted in January to increase the amount of the local incentive for holding meetings with legislators and kept the amounts tiered based on the size of the local. **Motion: To provide that the same amount of money be given to locals for meetings with their legislators regardless of the size of the local. Motion: To refer how the incentive to locals for meetings with their legislators can be used back to the Legislative Committee for clarification. The motions passed.**

Member Benefits: George Denny submitted a written report. In addition, he shared discussions with Life Line Screening on their saving of member information on their data base. **Motion: To not contract with Life Line Screening. The motion passed.**

Membership: Ruth Clendaniel submitted a written report.

Nominating: Fay Miller submitted a written report. **Motion: The Nominating Committee recommends Velma Hicks and Joyce Cummings as the two Non-Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee. *The motion passed.***

Public Relations: Carla Duls submitted a written report.

Scholarship: Tillie Barckley submitted a written report. Eighty-six applications from 12 counties were received for this year's scholarships.

Travel: Judy Reiff submitted a written report. **Motion: The Travel Committee recommends that MRSPA partner with Grand Circle Travel/OAT. *The motion passed.* Motion: The Travel Committee moves that MRSPA sponsor an MRSPA member trip in 2019 and 2020 to retain and encourage membership. *The motion passed.*** She shared the selected 2019-2020 trips.

Other Reports:

Retirement and Pension: Theresa Lochte shared that the pension fund is \$52 billion at this time, Ken Haines has been certified as the in-coming Trustee, and the new website is in operation. Theresa was thanked for her work on behalf of retirees.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Announcements: A reminder of the collections for the Maryland Food Bank at the Annual Business Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Gordon
MRSPA Secretary