**HRSPA Board Minutes**

**26 January 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Mary Fehl Brownfeld

Debbie Firebaugh

Becky Goshorn

Bill Pike

Lee Reynolds

Pat Rollison

Dianne Hughs Shuler

Rose Tanner

Bonnie Thompson

Shirley Uzel

Tina Whitaker

Janet White

The January 2017 Board of Directors meeting of HRSPA was called to order at 10:05 am on 26 January 2017 at Trinity United Methodist Church by Becky Goshorn, President.

Bonnie Thompson was introduced and welcomed to the Board as new Raffle Chair.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as corrected. Becky will contact absent secretary, Cherral Moore, to determine her status and availability to serve as secretary.

The treasurer, Debbie Firebaugh, reported $12,930.38 in checking and $3311.06 in the scholarship account. She noted that a decline membership and unusable coupons at Staples for printing in October contributed to the fall shortfall. Luncheon in and out flows generated a $108.65 profit in October. Information for the Book Award will be forwarded to the schools in the near future.

The bylaws may need to be changed in April to move standing committees from the bylaws to standing rules. This would allow adding or removing committees to meet current/future needs without a bylaw change. Becky will work on the wording with Bylaws Chair, Bonnie Clatterbough, for the March meeting.

The Communications chair, Debbie Williams, is working full time, but continues to do an excellent job with email blasts especially during the GA session. The website is in desperate need of updating. Becky will contact Debbie for more information. JoAnn Spotts, Suzanne Whitllock and Linda Gill were suggested as possible webmasters. Consensus was that we might need to consider paying someone a to take on the job as webmaster. Rose Tanner noted that she is not receiving blast emails.

Janet White, Contact Chair, discussed the upcoming targeted mailing. A motion was made by Pat Rollison, seconded by Rose Tanner, amended and passed to send a final mailing to all 135 for whom we have addresses on the 2016 retiree list who have not joined and to allow them to join for $5 now if and only if they pay the regular fee for 17-18 simultaneously.

Names of all guests for the April luncheon need to be emailed to both Rose and Lee ASAP to be certain we have a nametag for all.

Tina Whitaker, Legislative chair, has met with Peter Ferrell, Riley Ingram, Jennifer McClellan’s assistant and the aide to Delores McQuinn in preparation for the 2017 GA session. Our letter to John O’Bannon and 5 phone calls received no response. Senator Dunnavant has requested a meeting with her in the August or September. Senator McClellan is sponsoring a bill to require training for the members of the hearing panels used for teacher dismissal. VRTA Day at the GA is 31 January. Debbie Firebaugh will drive as many as 6 members to the GA. We will meet at 8:30 at the park and ride on Mayland and arrange to call for pickup in the afternoon. All who can go should notify Tina ASAP.

Current membership is 392. The first targeted mailing was effective garnering about half of the remaining 2015 renewals. Membership from the 2016 class is the lowest in memory. An additional targeted mailing with the new $5 midyear experimental deal will be offered for this year only unless successful and approved by the Board for the future.

The deadline for the April newsletter is March 24 and the mailing committee will meet at the church on April 3 at 9:30. Debbie F will include a solicitation for Board volunteers in her membership report unless all positions are filled by the March Board meeting.

Carol Jones is moving to New Orleans and a replacement for Philanthropy Chair is needed. We will need to conduct the Boxtops for Education drawing for this year to donate collected labels. Debbie F has the labels. AARP plans the food drive around the 9/11 Day of Service. Since we have had no luck in scheduling a food drive at Kroger in February, the Feedmore drive will be rescheduled for September.

The program for the April meeting is a presentation by Kitty Boitnott, former VEA president and current HRSPA member. We will extend an invitation/information flyer to Districts C, Q and S to join us for the April luncheon.

Dianne Hughs Shuler reported 17 obituaries since August. Members were reminded to let Dianne know when there are Remembrances that need attention.

Scholarship Chair, Pat Rollison, has sent applications to HCPS, GRASP, Future Teachers organizations and has attempted to notify The Henrico Citizen. Bill Pike suggested that she try to contact Patty K at the Citizen. This year’s scholarship for $2500 in honor of our 25th Anniversary will be in memory of Charlie Todd. His wife will be notified and invited as our guest to our April meeting.

Becky will continue to serve as VRTA liaison through this year, but will not be available to be at the October 2 meeting. HRSPA will need to send at least one representative on that day to serve as District R Representative. Dianne Hughs Shuler said that she might be able to attend.

Wegman’s and the Jepson Center were added to the list of possible venues for future meetings. Thank you to Debbie Firebaugh for updating and printing the HRSPA History in time for the October meeting.

Tentative dates for future events were discussed and added to the calendar to be approved in March.

* 1. February 20, 2017 President’s Day
  2. March 23, 2017 BoD meeting
  3. March 24, 2017 Newsletter articles due
  4. April 10-14, 2017 HCPS Spring Break
  5. April 16, 2017 Easter
  6. April 3, 2017 Mailing Committee
  7. April 20,2017 Luncheon reservation deadline
  8. April 24-25, 2017 VRTA Spring Delegate Assembly
  9. April 27, 2017 Spring Luncheon
  10. September 7, 2017 BoD Meeting
  11. September 11, 2017 9/11 Day of service
  12. September 22, 2017 Newsletter articles due
  13. October 2-3, 2017 VRTA Fall Conference
  14. October 4, 2017 Mailing Committee
  15. October 20, 2017 Luncheon reservation deadline
  16. October 26,2017 Fall Luncheon
  17. January 15, 2018 MLK Day
  18. January 25,2018 BoD Meeting
  19. January 29,2018 Exam Break
  20. January 31, 2018 VRTA Day at the GA

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Goshorn acting for

Cherral Moore

Secretary