Minutes of HRSPA Luncheon

April 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at Willow Oaks Country Club by Becky Goshorn, president. She led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the minutes, treasurer’s report, and proposed Bylaws changes were on the tables.

After an invocation and the meal, Pat Rollison introduced the 2017 scholarship winner, Sabrina Duarte from Godwin High School. Sabrina spoke about her work at HCPS’s Summer Academy and how she decided she wanted to become a teacher. The 2017 scholarship is the largest we’ve ever given at $2500 and is given in the memory of Charlie Todd, former HCPS educator and VEA Legislative Chairman.

Vice President Jackie Warren then introduced Mike Taylor, Executive Director of the Henrico Education Foundation. He thanked the group for its continued support and gave an update on the activities of the Foundation. He also showed us the new HEF logo.

The main speaker was Kitty Boitnott, a member of our group and former VEA president. She first discussed issues that arose during the 2017 General Assembly Session: choice, charters, vouchers, virtual ed, and VRS. She also spoke about current teachers who want to leave the profession that she encounters in her coaching. Her message was to stay informed and stay vigilant.

After the program, Becky called up first Mary Ann Cisne and then Debbie Firebaugh to offer the group’s thanks for their work. Mary Ann stepped down from the position of Legislative Chair earlier this year, and Debbie is moving to Charleston, SC in June.

There were no changes made to the minutes from the October luncheon meeting, and there were no questions about the treasurer’s report. They will be filed as presented.

The proposed Bylaws changes involving committees and duties of the Treasurer were approved unanimously.

Table prizes of lottery scratch-off tickets were awarded, and Lois Martin won the 50/50 raffle of $33.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Firebaugh

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