

**HRSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 26, 2008**

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler  
Vice President: Debbie Williams  
Secretary: Rose Tanner  
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn  
Past President: Swift Williams (absent)  
AARP Liaison, Historian: Vacant  
Membership: Debbie Firebaugh  
Hospitality: Carol Townes  
Social: Myrna Cartledge (absent)  
Newsletter: Lee Reynolds  
Mailing: Sybil Powell  
Publicity: Bev Beazley (absent)  
Contact Chair: Janet White  
Remembrance: Linda McCullough (absent)  
Nominating Comm. Chair: Nettie Addison (absent)

Photographer: Shirley Uzel (absent)  
Legislative: Nelson Taylor  
Scholarship: Barbara Holdren (absent)  
Website: Linda MacCleave (Absent)  
Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge  
District C/VRTA: Nancy Harris  
Support Service Rep: Thomas Folly (Absent)  
Others: A. P. Hall (absent)  
Audrey Batchelder  
Joanne McCabe (absent)  
Barbara Porter

Dianne Shuler, President brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She recognized the members present and introduced new member, Debbie Williams, **Vice President**. Two other new members were recognized, but not present – Nettie Addison, **Nominating Committee Chair** and Barbara Holdren, **Scholarship Chair**.

After passing out the agenda and new address and telephone list for the board, she asked Rose Tanner, **Secretary**, to read the minutes from the last Board meeting. After the minutes were read, she asked for corrections or additions. After a couple of minor corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Becky Goshorn, **Treasurer** handed out the bank account statement for fiscal year 2007/08. We ended the fiscal year with a negative balance of -\$150.91. This is due largely to the fact that the amount charged for the luncheons is not covering the cost. Debbie Firebaugh suggested we appoint a committee to look into a “change of venue” for the luncheons. An article will be put in the Newsletter asking for help with this. The Staples Rewards Program has helped tremendously to cut costs of printing the Newsletter. All were encouraged to continue to use their Staples Rewards Card. Becky had three checks from Staples and gave them to Lee to help offset the cost of printing the next Newsletter and to purchase needed ink cartridges.

Becky then presented the 2008/09 Proposed Budget with an amount for the year of \$3000.00. After some discussion, a motion was made by Becky Goshorn to accept the Proposed Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Lee Reynolds and was approved by the Board.

**Membership:** Debbie Firebaugh reported that we currently have 430 active members, 432 inactive, and 2,113 potential members in our data base. There were 104 non-renewals for 2008 members.

**Contact Program Chair**, Janet White reported that her committee chose three groups to target this year for membership – new retirees, non-renewals, and those who retired in 2007 but did not join. These groups will receive a copy of the October Newsletter. Next year a new group will be targeted – retirees who have finished with their 20 day program and have been retired for eight years. It was emphasized that making a personal telephone contact with these groups is very important.

Although participation in our designated projects has waned, it was decided to continue with support of the Christmas Mother, S.S. Challenge, and Hilliard House. A reminder will be put in the Newsletter to members to write their checks to whichever project they wish, but then give their check to the Treasurer to send in with the donation from HRSPA.

The **October 16, 2008 Luncheon Meeting** will be a Health Fair. Debbie Williams and Dianne Hughes-Shuler are coordinating the participants. There will be insurance agents, health care professionals, yoga instructors, and much more. The meeting will be at the Cultural Arts Center and the times will be adjusted to accommodate the Health Fair.

Other dates that were decided were: **March 5, 2009 – Luncheon Meeting and June 25, 2009 – Luncheon Meeting**. Programs are needed for both of these meetings.

The cost of the luncheon includes food, tax, gratuity, but does not include the cost of the facility. Becky will determine the average cost per person that HRSPA pays and an article will be put in the Newsletter to let members know how much is actually spent. Lee Reynolds made a motion to increase the cost of the luncheon from \$15.00 to \$17.00 per person. The motion was seconded by Rose Tanner and passed by the Board. The cost of \$17.00 will be reflected for the October luncheon.

Becky suggested that we raise dues to \$10/one year or \$25/three years. This will be addressed at the January BOD meeting.

Debbie Firebaugh suggested that we have a By-Laws Amendment to redistribute responsibilities – specifically from the President to the Vice-President. The Executive Committee will meet and draw up the change for the January BOD meeting. The change will then be published in the March Newsletter and presented to the general membership at the March Luncheon Meeting for a vote.

Myrna Carledge, **Social Chair**, was not in attendance due to a knee replacement.

Lee Reynolds, **Newsletter Editor** – Deadline for articles for the October Newsletter is Friday, September 12, 2008.

The **Mailing Committee** will meet on September 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Martins to send out the October Newsletter.

Nelson Taylor, **Legislative Chair**- we are still trying to get the Health Insurance Credit for support personnel; he also advised that VRS is publishing a History of VRTA. An article will be written by Nelson and put in the Newsletter to let the potential members know that we need them and they need us. The benefits they are enjoying (specifically the Health Insurance Credit) are not just given to us, but must be worked for and we need all the help we can get.

**District C/VRTA** – Nancy Harris advised that the letter resigning HRSPA from District C has been received.

The next **HRSPA BOD Meeting** was scheduled for **January 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Martins.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner  
Secretary