

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association Minutes March 16, 2006

After the social time, President Dianne Hughs Shuler called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. She welcomed all “first timers”, new members present and all guests.

Thomas Folly led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation. All were reminded to wait until their table was called to go into the buffet luncheon.

After lunch, there was some miscellaneous business to attend before our guest speaker. On each table there was a “wish list” for Hilliard House for “mothers who have completed the program” and are out on their own. All were asked to contribute to this if possible. There was also a request to list hours volunteered to help children this year for the “With Our Youth” program. HRSPA won the NRTA Award for this program in 2002.

Minutes from the last luncheon meeting and the treasurer’s report were on each table and all were asked to peruse these. Becky Goshen, treasurer, advised that HRSPA is a little ahead of last year. The Scholarship Fund is doing well and contributions are ongoing.

HRSPA made a contribution to the Scholarship Fund in honor of the Harvey Family in the amount of \$25.00. A letter of appreciation and thanks from the family was read.

Since the Legislative Component of HRSPA is so important, it was decided that the program for March would be the Legislative Report. Our guest speaker, and one of our own, was Dr. Charles Todd. Dr. Todd was introduced by our legislative chair, Nelson Taylor. Dr. Todd began his teaching career in Raleigh, North Carolina, but later moved to Fairfax Virginia. He was also Superintendent of Schools in Hopewell. As Nelson said, he has had too many titles, achievements, and awards to list them all. He brought us up to date on the latest happenings in the legislature. The bill to raise our health credits was not passed, but is still alive. We all need to let our delegates, congressmen and senators know how we feel. Nelson has a list of those we need to contact.

Our second guest speaker was Susan Stanley with the S. S. Challenge Program. This program partners schools with organizations and businesses to supply school supplies for students in need. Fairfield Middle and Ridge Elementary sent their thanks for supplies given by HRSPA.

Kay and Tommy Sears were introduced and welcomed as our guests. Kay was a former School Board Member and urged us all start now to be in contact with our legislature about our concerns.

Committee Reports were in the program and all were asked to refer to them.

Scholarship Chair, Mary Fehl Brownfield advised that our scholarship winner for 2006 is Christine Burton, a senior at Hermitage High School. We hope to have Christine at our June meeting. She hopes to become a high school math teacher.

Shirley Uzel, Contact Chair was absent, but Dianne thanked all the contacts for their help and asked if anyone is interested to please let us know. There was a sign-up sheet on each table for this. Janet Williams, one of our contacts, spoke and said she had a delightful time with her calls and enjoyed the one-on-one contact with people she knew and some she didn't.

Carole Townes asked that name tags be left for use next time.

There was a letter of thanks read from the Christmas Mother, Ethel Jackson, one of our own, too.

Upcoming events were in the program and all were asked to mark their calendars. It was noted that the next luncheon on June 22 would have a special entertainment 'treat'.

Rose Tanner presented the Slate of Officers to be elected. Dianne Hughs Shuler was elected as President by acclamation. She thanked the members for their confidence and support and encouraged members to become involved by serving on committees and as officers.

The VRTA Meeting will be May 1 and 2 in Blackstone, VA. This is a Delegate meeting and we will need 10 delegates. We will vote on a new name for the state organization, the bylaws will be amended, and new officers will be elected and installed. It's important that HRSPA is well represented at this meeting.

Forms to join NRTA and the Golden Age Program were available for members use.

Barbara Miller, one of our new members and now a new realtor, brought notepads and calendars for distribution.

There were evaluation forms for the new facility, The Westwood Club, on each table and members were asked to please fill them out.

Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Editor, advised that the classified ads in the newsletter will help with the room fee for future luncheons. She urged the members to get the word out.

Thomas Folly drew for the 50/50 raffle – Bev Beazley won \$81.50, and promptly donated a portion of her winnings back to HRSPA.

There being no further business, everyone was wished a 'happy spring' and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner
Vice President