

**HRSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2007**

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler
Vice President: Rose Tanner
Secretary: Shirley Uzel (Absent)
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn
Past President: Swift Williams (Absent)
AARP Liaison, Historian: Vacant
Membership: Ellis Sasser
Hospitality: Carol Townes
Social: Myrna Cartledge
Mailing: Sybil Powell
Publicity: Vacant
Contact Chair: Janet White

Remembrance: Linda McCullough (Absent)
Legislative: Nelson Taylor
Scholarship: Mary Brownfield
Website: Linda MacCleave (Absent)
Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge (Absent)
District C/VRTA: Nancy Harris
Support Service Rep: Thomas Folly (Absent)
Others: A. P. Hall
Audrey Batchelder (Absent)
Joanne McCabe (Absent)
Barbara Porter
LuVellen Spratley (Absent)

Dianne Shuler, President brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She introduced a new Board Member, Janet White, Contact Chair. After passing out the agenda and new address and telephone list for the board, she asked Rose Tanner, Vice-President to read the minutes from the last Board meeting. After the minutes were read, she asked for corrections or additions. Being none, they were approved by acclamation. A note from the last minutes regarding the change in the membership cards: "date since" will be changed back to "expiration date". There was much confusion when the cards were distributed.

Becky Goshorn, Treasurer handed out the bank account statement from July 1, 2006 through January 24, 2007. The HRSPA account has a balance of \$4,684.56 and the Scholarship fund has a balance of \$3,153.60. We are no longer working in a deficit. The report was accepted by acclamation. Becky also reported that we currently have 513 members. She also received a Thank You note from Mount Vernon School for books donated by HRSPA members. She requested permission to receive a \$500 anonymous donation to be given to last years' Scholarship Recipient through HRSPA. Motion was made, seconded and passed to allow her to do this.

Audrey Batchelder received flowers from the Board in remembrance of her husband who recently passed away. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to give a \$100 donation to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Audrey's husband. Dianne passed around a lovely thank you note from Audrey for the flowers and an invitation to a reception to celebrate her husband's life on January 27 at her home.

Dianne again raised the question of "incentives" for new members. Some suggestions: Life Time Memberships to long standing members (such as Elsie Pelfrey and Swift Williams); Gift Memberships to new retirees; Personal contacts to new retirees whom you may know; a gift given to a new retiree at the New Retiree Luncheon on May 30 – Dianne asked us all to continue to think of ways to entice new members.

Janet White, Contact Chair is going to form a "Contact Committee" to help with the Contact Program.

A list of "needed items" for Hilliard House was passed out for the Board's perusal. We are still helping with the S.S. Challenge Program. It was suggested that monetary donations may be more practical than actual donated supplies.

Some program suggestions for future luncheons: Student choral/band program; Henry Nelson and the Historical Society; VCU Professor, John Ackley; Don Newberry, "So You Want to be an Actor".

The March 15, 2007 Luncheon will be at the Cultural Arts Center in Glen Allen and will probably have a student choral/band program. Dianne has already called the County for a representative for the PREP Program to be at our June meeting.

Dianne reported that the By-laws are current and give descriptions of the Board members jobs. As president, she sent a letter to VRTA concerning hiring a paid insurance consultant to evaluate our long-term insurance carrier. She will

continue to submit “Ruby Branch Carlton” as a name for a new Henrico County School. Her proposal to use this name for the newest elementary school was not accepted.

Senator Chichester has voiced his concerns for the Health Insurance Benefit Bill and needs our support. Also, Nancy Harris let us know that Senator Stosch is in jeopardy of losing his position in the Senate this year without our support. She asked for any of his constituents to please sign up to help get the word out for his support.

Carol Townes, Hospitality Chair, was thanked for her great job at handling the luncheon reservations.

Myrna Carledge, Social Chair, was thanked for providing the refreshments.

Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Editor – Deadline for articles for the March Newsletter is Friday, February 9, 2007.

Sybil Powell, Mailing Chair asked for help for the mailing on Tuesday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Martins.

Mary Brownfield, Scholarship Chair – Deadline for applications is March 8 with a Committee Selection date of March 13 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Martins.

Linda McCullough, Remembrance Chair advised that she has sent 23 Sympathy Cards and 4 Get Well Cards since our last meeting.

Nelson Taylor, Legislative Chair, handed out his Legislative Agenda for VRTA and Local Units and asked that we read it. He also handed out a list of Bills in the House and Senate that we are following. The insurance credit is still the most important issue we are facing at the present. We are still capped at 30 years whereas other State Employees had that cap lifted this year. The need to impress the unfairness of this situation on our legislators is of the utmost importance.

The board was asked to approve the appointment of Shirley Uzel as Secretary to complete this year. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Please put the following dates on your calendar:

March 15, 2007 – HRSPA Spring Luncheon at The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen

May 30, 2007 – HCPS New Retiree Luncheon

June 21, 2007 – HRSPA Summer Luncheon

August 23, 2007 – HRSPA Board of Directors Meeting

District C – Spring Meeting TBA

VRTA – Spring Delegate Assembly – Blackstone , April 30/May 1

The following dates were scheduled for the 2007-08 HRSPA Luncheons:

October 25, 2007

March 13, 2008

June 26, 2008

Other business: “Reminder” Newsletters were sent to non-renewals last year in September and we gleaned some new members. We decided to continue this practice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner
Vice-President