

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association Minutes
June 21, 2007

After the social time, President Dianne Hughs Shuler called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. After she welcomed everyone to the luncheon, she asked new retirees to stand and be recognized. She reminded us that a good incentive for new retirees is a year membership in HRSPA given by someone already a member.

The minutes from the March Meeting and the Treasurer's Report were on each table. Everyone was asked to peruse for approval. Also on the table was an Evaluation Form for the Cultural Arts Center and Dianne asked that each person put any comments on the form. Barbara Miller provided a box of Tic Tacs for each member.

AARP sponsors a "Voter Express Van" that will travel to events and provide information about voting. Also, AARP is sponsoring a campaign "Divided We Fail" which asks for members to pledge to vote for politicians who support issues that concern us, i.e., health care, Defined Benefits, etc. The unit with the most pledges by December 1, 2007 will receive \$250.00. Dianne urged everyone to pledge.

Dianne welcomed our guest speaker, Bea Morris, VRTA Legislative Co-Chair and Louise

Chad Gilbert from University Instructors was also welcomed and thanked for providing door prizes.

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

After lunch, Dianne continued with the Business portion of the meeting.

Several HRSPA members attended the New Retirees Luncheon at the Jefferson in May and gave packets to the new retirees. Hopefully, we will see some new members as a result.

We are sponsoring Hilliard House at this meeting and Dianne suggested that it is probably better to donate money rather than goods. The staff at Hilliard House can get better deals on needed items. We had several thank you notes for our sponsorship of schools in the S.S. Challenge Program.

Connie Arnette with the county says there is a "Self-Plan" for Health Insurance in the works and we will get more information on this later.

Janet White, Contact Chair, gave an update on the Contact Program. She asked that anyone interested in helping please to see her.

The Scholarship winner this year is Kelly Baldwin from Godwin High School. Kelly was not able to be at the meeting today.

Dianne thanked all of the officers and committee chairs for their hard work over the past year.

Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Editor, asked for a volunteer to take pictures at the meetings. Shirley Uzel agreed to do this.

Debbie Firebaugh was introduced as the new Membership Records Chair and Bev Beazley as the new Publicity Chair. The Vice President position is still open.

Nancy Harris, District C/VRTA Liaison advised that districts will remain in tact. The Spring meeting of VRTA will be in Blackstone and the Fall will have 4 regional meeting. She gave a report on the District C meeting and advised that no one from Henrico was present.

Everyone was urged to continue to use their Membership Card at Staples to help us in the Rewards Program.

Scholarship Money comes partly from our dues (\$1.00 per year) and partly from personal donations from members.

Joe Sellers thanked everyone for the flowers and cards he received during his recent illness.

Minutes from the last meeting and the Treasurer's Report were on each table. There being no questions or corrections to the reports, a vote was taken and passed to accept.

Chad Gilbert from University Instructors gave the door prizes won by Becky Hoffman, Sybil Powell and Joyce Johnson.

Bea Morris, VRTA Legislative Co-Chair, talked to us about the Legislative issues we face and left some information with Dianne to share. Of particular emphasis was Defined Benefits.

All were asked to note dates in the program for future luncheons and meetings. Also, please leave your name tags after the meeting.

The 50-50 Raffle winner was Audrey Batchelder. She won \$63.50.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Tanner
Secretary