

**HRSPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**AUGUST 18, 2005**

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler	Remembrance: Sarah Thacker
Vice President & Contact: Rose Tanner	Legislative: Nelson Taylor (Absent)
Treasurer: Becky Goshorn	Scholarship: Mary Fehl
Past President: Swift Williams	Website: Linda MacCleave (Absent)
AARP Liaison, Historian:	Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge
Membership: Ellis Sasser	District C/VRTA: Nancy Harris
Hospitaity: Carol Townes	Support Service Rep: Thomas Folly
Social: Myrna Cartledge	Others: A. P. Hall (Absent),
Newsletter: Lee Reynolds	Dale Waldrop (Absent),
Mailing: Sybil Powell (Absent)	Audrey Batchelder,
Publicity: Georgie Keene	Joanne McCabe (Absent)
Nominating Chair: Joanne Marchant Brown (Absent)	Barbara Porter (Absent)
	Mary Shepherd (Absent)
	LuVellen Spratley Absent)

Dianne Shuler, President brought the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. After introductions of new board members and welcoming returning board members, the agenda was passed out. New board members received a copy of the HRSPA History.

Minutes from the last board meeting were passed out by Rose Tanner. After perusal by the board, they were accepted as written.

Becky Goshorn, Treasurer, passed out the treasurer's report. After some discussion regarding operating expenses, the report was accepted with a balance of \$-535.75 and \$2120.80 in the Scholarship Fund. The Proposed Budget of \$3000 for 2005/06 was presented. After some discussion and some suggestions for "tightening our belt", it was accepted as presented.

It was suggested we continue to use the Staples Reward Program to help offset costs of printing and supplies; Dianne will take of getting bulk mailing started to help save with postage; it was also suggested that we take a survey in the next Newsletter to see which members would like to received the Newsletter by email.

Becky asked permission to let the Hermitage Country Club advertise for a retired school teacher via our email. A motion was made and seconded to let Becky send this email to our members. Becky agreed to set up an email address list for this purpose and for use with the Newsletter emails.

Georgie Keene has someone who can set up a website for a nominal fee if we are in need. Dianne is waiting for a return call from VCU about correcting our website address. Mary Fehl will check with the Specialty Technical Center at Deep Run High School to see if the students could possibly help us with our website, if needed.

Ellis Sasser, Membership Chair is leaving this position. She made the suggestion that perhaps this job could be shared by more than one person and it may not be so overwhelming. It was suggested that a committee be set up for this purpose. Swift asked Ellis if she could write up a "job description" separating the different tasks that need to be done. Dianne recognized the great job that Ellis has done with Membership.

Carole Townes offered to take over collecting reservations and money for the luncheons to alleviate some of the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Becky is going to check into a new bank for the HRSPA account.

Contact Program – Rose Tanner, Vice-President advised that the lists were sent out to all contacts on Tuesday, August 16. She also offered to enter New Retiree information as part of dividing responsibilities of the Membership Records Chair.

Shirley Uzel, Contact Chair, advised that the potential/inactive list was sent to the contacts with 2003-05 members highlighted to call along with the up-to-date list with new retirees and non-renewals. Shirley also gave some error sheets to Ellis to update the files.

All new retirees got a packet of HRSPA materials at the County's New Retiree Luncheon in June. Those who attended to give out the packets had a great time. Carol had positive feedback from the superintendent about their presence at the luncheon.

Carols Townes, Hospitality Chair advised that each luncheon had about 110 members present.

Myrna Cartledge, our new Social Chair, was welcomed again by Dianne and thanked for the morning coffee and goodies.

The drawing for the door prizes for the first to join in June will be done at the October luncheon. This was an incentive by the contact chair, Shirley Uzel. The names of the winners will be published in the October Newsletter. (Oops, we can't draw in Oct AND put names in Oct newsletter – I don't have notes on this – perhaps we should go ahead and draw among ourselves so we can print it in the newsletter p what do you think?)

Lee Reynolds, Newsletter Chair needs information for the October Newsletter by the last week of September. After much discussion a motion was made and accepted to allow advertising in the Newsletter charging \$50 per year for non members and \$45 for HRSPA members. The ad will be a business card size. (Another oops – I had 2 amounts in my notes and in talking to some who requested doing this I quoted them rates of \$45 for non-members and \$30 for members without checking my notes. Do you think the Board will mind that I changed it – didn't mean to, just goofed.)

Georgie Keene, Publicity Chair has been busy advertising in the area newspapers. She had several articles for the scrapbook.

Sarah Thacker, our new Remembrance Chair, agreed to take on the task of the Scrapbook.

Nelson Taylor, Legislative Chair (absent), sent a report reiterating VRTA's concern regarding health insurance credits and VRS defined benefits, both of which will be addressed again in 2006 in the General Assembly.

Mary Fehl, Scholarship Chair raised the question “Should we limit applications to current/past employees children/grandchildren who are going into education?” This was tabled to the January meeting. It was suggested we follow-up with some of the past recipients to see where they are. The questions was also raised “Can we give the scholarship to a past Henrico student who is in the 5 year college program for education?” Mary will follow up on both of these points.

We have a new VRTA Treasurer. Dianne will find out the name.

Joanne Marchant Brown, Nominating Chair (absent) – Dianne reminded the board that we need a President and Secretary to be elected for next year. She asked that we forward any names/suggestions to Joanne and her committee. We also need to find someone to take over the secretary’s job for the remainder of this fiscal year. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Dianne went over the calendar for the coming year. VRTA Conference is October 10 and 11 in Blackstone. The next HRSPA Luncheon is October 27. The next HRSPA Board meeting is set for January 26, 2006. Spring Luncheon is March 16 and Summer Luncheon is June 22.

It was suggested that we put the address of the Christmas Mother (for donations) in the Newsletter instead of including an envelope (to save on postage). It was also suggest that we reemphasize the 50/50 Raffle in the Newsletter and at the luncheons. This helps to pay for the room rental and will help to keep down the cost of the luncheon.

A suggestion was made to have one meeting at a church with a box lunch. Dianne asked all to continue to look for alternative places to have the luncheons.

Dianne asked that she be able to suggest a name for the new elementary school that is to be built in eastern Henrico, honoring a teacher of 33 years at the old one-room Antioch School. Her name is Ruby Branch Carlton. Motion was made and passed.

Dianne read a thank you note from one of the SS Challenge schools. Donations made last year: \$2,093 to Christmas Mother (from the members); 4 bags of supplies for SS Challenge; 6 bags of supplies for Hilliad House. HRSPA received \$108 from the Ukrop’s Golden Gift Certificate Campaign.

Dianne asked if anyone knew the effects of the change in the ERIP program to PREP. The consensus was that all income from the county will now be counted for taxable purposes. This will especially affect those who are also drawing social security.

Updates to the HRSPA History were handed out,

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner  
Vice-President