

HRSP Board of Directors Minutes

February 5, 2004

Attendance

President: Dianne Hughs Shuler
Vice President & Contact: LuVellen Spratley
Secretary: Becky Goshorn (absent)
Treasurer: Dale Waldrop
Past President, Nominating: Swift Williams
Membership: Audrey Batchelder
Hospitality: Margaret Sadler (absent)
Social: Mary Shepherd
Newsletter, Historian & Scrapbook: Elsie Pelfrey
Mailing: Sybil Powell
Publicity: Georgie Keene

Remembrance: Barbara Porter
Legislative: Nelson Taylor
Scholarship: Joann McCabe (absent)
Website: Linda MacCleave (absent)
Parliamentarian: Gordon Sandridge
District C/VRTA/AARP: Nancy Harris (absent)
Support Services Rep: Thomas Folly (absent)
HCPS Liaison: Joseph Sellers (omit and move below)
Charter Member: Marion Yobs(omit and move below)
Others: Marion Yobs, Joseph Sellers, A.P. Hall

1. After pre-meeting social time and refreshments, Dianne Hughs Shuler, President, called HRSP board meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. She also made introductions.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the August 2003, meeting.
3. The treasurer reported a closing balance of approximately \$2600 with approximately \$1000 in the scholarship fund.
4. The membership chair reported 540 paid members including 133 in VRTA and 66 in district C. Old membership forms will be used until March. The new forms will be used in May. 83 memberships expired in 2003. 63 of the 2003 retirees have not joined. These people will be included in one more mailing. Barbara Porter suggested we provide a designation in the newsletter and on the membership form for those who wish to have their names removed from the list or who do wish to join or renew and that a different color form be used for membership in future.
5. In response to questions from Nelson Taylor about the function of District C, it was stated that District C meetings are open to all while AARP area meetings are not. Elsie Pelfrey explained that District C allows us to meet other leaders and share ideas while AARP is a training session for leaders and not an open meeting. There was discussion about the purpose and/or need for District C and Dianne indicated that there is also concern and discussion at the district and state levels regarding this issue and that it is on our agenda for a later Board meeting, but that there was not time on today's agenda to discuss it at length.
6. Vice-President LuVellen Sprately stated that she has contacted 20 Contacts by phone about 2003 expired members rejoining HRSP. Some Contact replies were that 6 are not interested and 2 will wait a year. Dianne has communicated with 39 Contacts who have email regarding the 2003 expired renewals. Of those 7 have replied with member information.
7. Margaret Sadler, who chaired the Hospitality Committee for 12 years, was thanked for her efforts and new committee chair, Carol Townes was named.
8. Mary Shepard was thanked for the meeting "goodies".
9. Lee Reynolds will include a brochure of all board members and their phone numbers in the next newsletter.
10. Sybil Powell says the Mailing Committee needs additional help to prepare the mailings.
11. Georgie Keene will continue to send info to the media and will look into more local newspapers.

12. The Remembrance Committee reported that 24 cards or notes of condolence had been sent and 13 get well cards. The committee gets most info from the newspaper. Elsie received the flowers and Barbara Porter relayed at "thank you" from Sarah Hoggard.
13. The Scholarship Committee will meet by the end of the month and the award nominees will be ready by the end of April.
14. The scrapbook needs a handler. Elsie says it is a "fun project" for the summer. Dianne will ask Nancy Langford or Sara Thomas.
15. Nelson Taylor reported that the Legislative Committee needs some new leadership who can work with VEA and State Government Workers. A toll free number is available to express opinions to the Virginia General Assembly. There are 15 items on the table that are of interest. The most important is (the) to get the 30-year cap removed for teacher healthcare. Although the cap has been removed for state employees, the cap remains for teachers. Two bills that would allow teachers to get \$4 per year of service in healthcare benefits are being considered. Secondly, the VRS must not be used to balance the budget. A two-year study needs to be done to check the validity for future years. Thirdly, an age 62-65 deduction is being discussed.
16. AARP issues include: Medicaid limits are so low that some doctors don't accept Medicaid patients. Unemployment payments are subtracted from social security payments. Vision tests at 80 years needed. Prescription drug assistance is needed.
17. Nelson also reported that Lobby Day was changed without notification from VRTA and may be discontinued in future. Since the former lobbyist resigned a new one is needed. Additional delegates to Blackstone are needed.
18. Swift William presented the Nominating Committee recommendations for 2004 elections: Dianne Hughs Shuler for President and Rose Tanner for Secretary. Becky Goshorn will be appointed to complete the unexpired term for Treasurer. A motion to accept the report was made by Lee Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Sellers and passed by the Board.
19. The president reported that \$1979 was donated by our members to the Christmas Mother in 2003. Hilliard House has requested that we change to donating plastic bags, but Dianne and Joann will confirm this. In future, the Christmas Mother will be the financial focus of the November meeting, Hilliard House, the March meeting and the Scholarship Fund, the June meeting. In 2003, \$151 went to the Scholarship Fund from Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificates.
20. Dianne is working to get Contacts for support services focus groups (clerical, bus drivers, food service, construction and maintenance).
21. HRSP member Linda Andrews with Signa Tours has 3 trips planned; Selma, NC Music Festival in April, Fredericksburg's Riverside Theatre production of Oklahoma in July and a Virginia wine country tour in October.
22. It was suggested that an "Identity Theft" speaker be considered for a future program. Although this has been done in the past, it was noted that an update may be helpful. Ray Wallace was suggested as a speaker for the June meeting. Dianne indicated she had sent letters and emails to several people to request their speaking services at future meetings.
23. Dianne asked for Board approval to send congratulatory letters to future retirees who are honored with awards such as Gilman and REB. The Board affirmed this as good public relations and an investment in future HRSP membership.
24. Dates were established for future events (See Attachment):

Day	Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday	03/16/04	Spring luncheon	CAC, Hermitage Jazz Band
Mon/Tues	04/26-27/04	VRTA Delegate Convention	Blackstone
Tuesday	05/01/04	District C	Fulghum Center
Wednesday	06/16/04	Summer luncheon	Installation, annual reports, scholarship
Thursday	08/05/04	HRSP Board Meeting	10-12 , St. Martin's

25. Lee Reynolds took a picture of the Board for a flyer/handout.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rebecca M. Goshorn
Secretary