

Henrico Retired School Personnel Board Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2002

Present: Elsie Pelfrey, Dianne Hughes Shuler, Margaret Sadler, Barbara Porter, Nelson Taylor, Thomas Folly, Nancy D. Harris, Gordon Sandridge, Joe Sellers, A. P. Hall, Jr., Dodie Corpening, Dale Waldrop, Joann McCabe, Audrey Batchelder, Swift Williams, Linda MacCleave

Opening:

Swift Williams, president, called a board meeting of the Henrico Retired School Personnel to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2002, at St. Martin's Church.

Agenda Items

1. Final Arrangements for meeting, March 12, 2002
Cultural Arts Center, Speaker—Randy Wright

2. June Meeting

After discussion, it was decided to try to schedule the meeting with the new retirees during the second week of June. It was also suggested that we try to get on the agenda of other meetings being held for the new retirees during that time in order to introduce the organization and distribute a brochure.

3. February 7, 2002—Coffee for School Contacts

The meeting will be held at St. Martin's Church. Food and door prizes will be included. Most schools have a contact. A.P Hall is in charge of Contact people and Audrey, Swift, Dianne and Elsie worked on it. Dianne has worked very hard to get contacts for the schools not accounted for and Audrey has done the data gathering. Good teamwork!

4. Report on VRTA Day and Lobby Day—Nancy Harris

Lobby Day is Monday, January 28. Lacy Putney will receive an award. Our lobbyist is Nancy Finch. The VRTA meeting is April 29-30 Blackstone. VRTA has a new tri-fold which we will adapt. scrapbook is WOY. There will be a new tri-fold. Articles due to *Broadcast* by February 15. Elsie is working on it. We are working on a 2001-2002 scrapbook of our accomplishments, which will include our accomplishments in the With Our Youth program, which has been given to the states to run.

5. Reports

- Treasurer: Dale Waldrop--\$3215 current balance
- Membership: Audrey Batchelder—531 current membership
- Legislative: Nelson Taylor
 - AARP Legislative Program
 - Prescription drug assistance for poor and disabled
 - LTC Homestead decision
 - Change in multiplier (now 51%) plus additional help for those that retired long ago
 - Oppose SOL's as punitive rather than diagnostic tool
 - Oppose taxing social security
 - \$75 health deduction raised to \$125
 - Increase funding for adult protective services
 - Telemarketing fraud
 - Nursing home inspection

6. Brad Boynton Fund

Theatre IV is requesting a contribution of \$250, which we gave in March of 1999. It was moved and seconded to contribute \$250 to the Brad Boynton Fund in memory of Anamae Hill. It was passed and must be taken to the members for final approval.

7. Scholarship Fund Discussion

Thomas Folly submitted a proposal that a scholarship fund that included research on the way neighboring groups maintained their scholarship funds. He proposed that the membership dues be increased by \$2.00 per year with that money reserved for the scholarship fund. In addition, when a member dies a specific amount of money (\$25.00 suggested) should be donated to the scholarship in memory of that member. He also recommended that the scholarship fund be started with money from the treasury at \$1.00 per member or \$531.

Much debate followed, including some discussion headed by Swift Williams, who relinquished the chair to Dianne Shuler, regarding placing the scholarship money with the Henrico Education Foundation, thereby creating a tax advantage for our contributors. It was decided to wait until Susan Stanley, Executive Director of the Foundation could come and talk with us at the August meeting to determine if we wanted to pursue that path next year. The main issues that need to be addressed are the control of the recipient of the scholarship and the control of the fund itself. Swift will contact her. Joann McCabe is also going to look into finding out if we are eligible to be a tax exempt organization for the purposes of our members who wish to make additional contributions to the scholarship fund if we don't invest our money with the Henrico Education Foundation.

For the current year, it was decided that we should vote on the proposal presented by Mr. Folly. It was moved and seconded that \$531 from the budget be placed in a scholarship fund as seed money. This vote passed. It was moved and seconded that the dues be increased by \$1.00 per year or \$13.00 for 3 years. This vote passed. No action was taken on the proposal regarding the \$25.00 suggested contribution upon the death of a member. This was determined to be a decision regarding the management of the funds of the scholarship which would be determined later.

8. Nominating Committee—A. P. Hall

Swift as president and Dianne as V. P

9. Miscellaneous Business

Joann McCabe recently received the Virginia Counselor's Association Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Linda MacCleave
Revised by Elsie Pelfrey