

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association Minutes

March 16, 2004

President Dianne Hughs Shuler called the meeting of HSRP to order at 11:45 A.M. at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, welcoming everyone out of the third consecutive rainstorm and making explanations about new procedures and calling attention to the AARP brochures and the two Henrico scrapbooks all on display at back tables.

Dr. Joseph Sellers led the invocation and Thomas Folly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After an Italian buffet luncheon, Gordon Sandridge made and Rose Tanner seconded a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed. The motion was passed. Treasurer, Dale Waldrop reported that an additional \$238 had been contributed to the Scholarship Fund bringing the memorial gift balance to \$638 and additional dues and receipts had been collected bringing the general fund to \$2765.

Audrey Batchelder reported that our current membership is 559, less than last year, and encouraged someone to take over chair of the membership committee.

Contact Chair, LuVellen Spratley thanked Contacts for their continued assistance in communicating with current and prospective members, reminding them to check with the 2003 renewals.

Dianne announced that future communications with new retirees would commence with an information sheet included in the HCPS information packet. Additionally, she introduced Lee Reynolds, new newsletter editor, and Carol Townes and Jeanne Fusselle as the new Hospitality Committee, who provide us with our luncheon nametags. Other committee chairs were introduced as their committees were recognized.

Elsie Pelfrey announced that scrapbook materials are available for whomever comes forward to work on the scrapbook.

Jo Ann McCabe reported that the scholarship packets have been prepared for each Henrico County high school and will be delivered as soon as possible. The committee will meet on April 29, 2004 to review the applications and award the Scholarship. She encouraged anyone interested in serving on the committee for next year to contact her.

Elsie Pelfrey encouraged all who are interested to participate in the VRTA delegate assembly in Blackstone on April 26-27, 2004. She encouraged everyone to support the candidacy of Eleanor Boyd for VRTA Vice President. She also announced that District C meeting would be held at the Fulghum Center in Chesterfield County on May 11. She will notify, in writing, all District C members about this meeting. Brian Jack is the new AARP associate director for our area.

Dianne encouraged someone with a digital camera to volunteer to take pictures at HRSPA events. Three disposable cameras are currently being used and someone needs to take pictures after those are used this year.

Nelson Taylor, Legislative Chair, made a lengthy report adding details and explanations to his written report. Teachers currently receive \$75 for health insurance while other state employees receive \$120. The age deduction is \$6000 at age 62 and \$12,000 at age 65. VRTA is lobbying to get this converted to a tax credit rather than a deduction. Home school instructors only need a high school diploma to teach home schoolers. Virginia is the only state with no prescription drug plan.

Swift Williams gave the Nominating Committee report which slated the following persons for office for 2004-2006: Dianne Hughs Shuler for President and Rose Tanner for Secretary. Vice-President, LuVellen Spratley presented the slate to the membership, asked for further nominations, and there being none, declared the persons elected by acclamation. Dianne thanked the members for their confidence and support and explained our election procedure. She noted that Dale Waldrop, current Treasurer, will be resigning in June and Becky Goshorn, current Secretary, will be appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the term of Treasurer.

Dianne polled the group to determine the success of the buffet format and got a favorable response. She announced that the fiscal focus of the November meeting would be The Christmas Mother, the March meeting will be Hilliard House and the June meeting will focus on the Scholarship Fund. All members were reminded to send Ukrop's Golden Gift Certificate (to HRSP in Ma) for the Scholarship Fund. Dianne will begin sending congratulatory notes to Henrico school

employees who are award winners. HRSP members who are AARP members were reminded to submit the postcard to register as NRTA members as well.

Bruce Adie explained some of the changes in Medicare and noted that Part D will be the prescription drug portion that will pay 75% of the first \$200 of prescriptions after a small deductible.

The speaker for the June meeting will be (Dr Dennis (Morey), administrator of the Henricus Foundation.

After the business meeting, the membership toe tapped, head bobbed and seat danced to the Big Band sounds of the Hermitage High School Jazz Band. The performance concluded with a standing ovation and a plea for more.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Rebecca M. Goshorn
Secretary