

Henrico Retired School Personnel Association Minutes
March 15, 2005

After the social time, President Dianne Hughs Shuler called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. After welcoming all to The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, she welcomed our guests and any new members in attendance. The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were at each table.

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

After lunch our guest speaker, Fred Morton, Superintendent for Henrico County Public Schools, was introduced and gave an interesting and informative talk about his background and his plans for working with Henrico County Public School employees and students.

President's Report:

- Dianne thanked everyone for their S.S. Challenge donations.
- District C meeting will be May 5 at the Ukrops at Crossridge. District C members will receive a postcard about the details.
- VRTA meeting will be April 18 & 19 in Blackstone, VA. Henrico will need ten delegates and Dianne urged anyone interested to contact her. She has registration forms.
- Guests Vic Egidi, President of VRTA and his wife Sylvia were introduced. Vic gave a short talk about the April meeting and urged all to come. There will be some changes on the agenda – a dues increase and a name change.
- Guest Mary Lou Trimble, President-elect of VRTA was also introduced.

Committee Reports:

Having no changes to the minutes of the October 16, 2004 meeting or the Treasurer's report, they were approved by general consent.

Dianne explained the Contact Program and introduced the Chair, Shirley Uzel and Rose Tanner, the Vice-President-elect who will be collaborating on the Program. Rose read the names of the contacts that were present at the luncheon and asked them to stand and be recognized. She thanked them for their service this past year.

There were 110 people in attendance at the luncheon.

Mary Shepherd was thanked for her help with the goodies on the tables.

Lee Reynolds was thanked for her work on the Newsletters and the new HRSPA banner that was on display.

Barbara Porter, our Remembrance Chair, was thanked for her work. She will be stepping down from this job and Dianne asked for a volunteer to take over.

Mary Fehl, Scholarship Chair advised that the process is under way and a scholarship of \$750 will be awarded. She asked for volunteers to help the committee on April 28, 2005 at St. Martin's Church to help pick the recipient.

There was a volunteer sign-up sheet at each table for members.

Nelson Taylor, Legislative Chair gave his report. He advised that we will receive a 2.7% raise next year. The legislation for the insurance credit increase for retirees that was in the General Assembly did not pass. He urged all to stay involved.

Insurance representative, Bruce Adi was in attendance and was available to any who needed his services. He told us that his insurance company had paid out \$16 million over the last 15 years.

Swift Williams, Nominating Chair gave the slate for election – Rose Tanner for Vice President and Becky Goshorn for Treasurer. They were elected by general consent.

The secretary position is now open and Dianne asked for anyone interested to please let her know. Someone will be appointed by the Board to fill the term.

Two Bylaws Changes were read and approved.

Lee Reynolds reminded all to remember to use their membership card when purchasing anything at Staples. It gives HRSPA extra credit towards future purchases.

All were reminded to please renew on time this year, by June 30, 2005. There will be a contest with prizes for all who renew by the due date and a drawing will be held for the winners.

All were reminded to bring supplies for Hilliard House to the June meeting.

Thomas Folly had the raffle drawing. There was \$130 in the pot and the winner of \$65 was Lucie Meredith. The other \$65 will go into the HRSPA treasury.

As there was no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Tanner, Secretary