

Meeting Minutes QACRSPA – Tuesday, June 11, 2024

11:30 Members and guests, many dressed in red, white and blue, visited and said hello. The room was decorated to reflect the patriotic theme of Flag Day. Susie served a delicious picnic lunch of brisket and grilled chicken with sides in festive buckets.

Richard introduced the scholarship recipients and Dr. Saelens introduced the new assistant superintendent, Matthew Kibler.

After lunch Richard led the group in wishing Tomi Fabri and Mary Holden Happy Birthdays.

Tomi reintroduced the scholarship recipients who thanked the QACRSPA for their scholarships. Katie Hershey QACHS will major in Secondary Education with plans to be an English teacher. Kirsten Curry KIHS plans to major in Elementary Education and would like to teach 1st grade. Richard shared that he hired Kirsten's mother who is also a teacher.

12:50 The Meeting was officially called to order.

Richard shared the State Meeting Report and made items available to members to peruse. We were given a paperweight as a thank you for our contribution to the gala.

Treasurer's report as of May 31, 2024

QACRSPA	\$ 4,250.07
Scholarship.	\$12,905.30
Total	\$17,155.37

Dave Brown explained the findings from the reporting of places worked in the county and the place you retired from were difficult to collate. He asked everyone to answer questions by a show of hands. Central Office was the winner with the most people in attendance who worked there and the most who retired from there. Betty Lee got a frequent flyer award having been employed at 7 different schools. The Building Trivia was a fun, informative activity identifying schools and mascots. At the end of the meeting we went to different corners of the room – elementary, middle school, high school and central office for a picture of each group.

Necrology – Susan reported Betty Larrimore, cafeteria worker, and Al Haniffee, teacher in many capacities, had passed since our last meeting.

Jackie Wilhelm shared the Family Feud results recognizing Sharon Darling as an up and coming participant.

5th place- Tomi Fabri, 4th place-Faye Williams, 3rd place- Madeline Hubbard, 2nd place- Margot Massey 1st place-Betty Lee

Jackie is taking the summer off but is thinking about a Back to School theme for her next Family Feud. Awards will be presented at the breakfast In August. Richard noted that others in the

state are watching this fun activity and have asked Jackie for help. Madeline thanked Jackie for all the work she has done to make this such a success.

Announcements:

Richard shared his concerns about funding. Fifty positions are not being funded by the Board this year. The county has contributed \$7 million to help in the funding that is necessary due to the Strong School Initiative. The state is mandating but not funding. He suggests we reach out to state officials with the directive, "If you're going to mandate it, it has to be funded." Our county has always strongly supported healthcare insurance but some board members are looking at that pot of money and are asking, 'What are we getting for this?' Richard pointed out that the years we taught are what they have gotten. Madeline commented that the county needs to look at this as a recruitment incentive to future employees. Another reason to belong to the QACRSPA – to stay informed about what is going on in the state.

July 6 from 5-7pm there will be an Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic at Wrights Chance in Centreville. Bring chair and your food. Drinks provided and there will be some food trucks. Entertainment

Happy Hour will be held at Mama Mia's on Wednesday, July 17th from 4-6pm.

We Don't Have to Go Back To School Breakfast at Denny's – Monday, August 26th

ALS Walk will be held on October 20th. There is the possibility we will sponsor a team. More information will be coming.

Richard asked anyone who had ideas for future meetings to share them with him. The goal is to make meetings fun as well as taking care of business.

Numbered cups with packages of M&Ms were at each place. Random selection of two numbers and the winners were Lynn Beauchamp and Michele Hustead who both received gift cards to The Creamery in Centreville.

Marge Felty, Secretary

