

Minutes from QACRSPA Meeting-October 9, 2018

11:30 Fellowship and Silent Auction

12:02 President Richard McNeal welcomed everyone and offered the blessing before we enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Helen Todd.

12:45 Bidding was closed. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Balance forward was \$3,232.70.

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| Deposits | + 1,990.00 |
| Disbursements | - 768.44 |
| Balance | \$4,404.26 |

Scholarship fund had a balance of \$3,446.39. \$1,000.00 was sent to the colleges of our scholarship recipients leaving a balance of \$2,446.39. Another payment of \$1,000 will be made in January. Richard commented on the generosity of members in support of the scholarship fund.

Our name change is official as of the June meeting. The by-laws have been changed to reflect this.

September was the kick-off for Drug Awareness. Lights are now out and the educational phase has begun. Brad Engle and Kathy Wright presented the program plans from this point on. A pre-survey will be given to find out what people know. This will be followed up by a post survey to see if the knowledge level has improved.

On November 13th there will be a live feed of the guest speaker. He will be presenting at both high schools and then to the general public in the evening about his struggles with addiction.

Student ambassadors are being recruited at the schools to encourage participation in a poster contest, designing t-shirts and signing pledges.

Kathy mentioned prescription roundups and the importance of not keeping unused pills in the home. All medications should be locked up, not only opioids. In MD you can get Narcan at any pharmacy. It is available in every school. A grant from last year is being used to help counselors and students. Everyone's help is needed in spreading information.

Theresa S. shared information on health care. Care First was getting too expensive so a Medicare approved alternative was chosen by the Consortium. Trans America will provide medical care and Humana will be the pharmaceutical coverage.

Prescriptions will still be available through local pharmacies. Vision and Dental coverage will remain with Care First. Retirees should keep their dental card. New cards will be issued for other coverages. The Board share of insurance coverage will remain the same. There will be a breakfast meeting on November 2nd for Labor First to answer questions about the transition. The changes are only for supplemental coverage.

Madeline let members know that presently our website is QACREA but after October 30th you will have to use QACRSPA to access the site.

Richard reminded everyone to check the state website for coupons.

Sandy Hartman has taken over as Program Chairperson. She shared brochures about Queen Anne at Home. This service is available in some communities and they are taking members.

Steve passed out brochures with the legislative priorities for 2019. Pension protection is at the center of all concerns. He reported that the group met in August to develop the brochure and plan the Legislative Workshop to be held on 11/14. Steve, Richard and one other person will be sent. It is open to anyone but others would be asked to pay their way. We won't know until after the elections what initiative will come out of the governor's office regarding education. Steve asked everyone to VOTE and vote yes on question #1. Gambling revenues became substitutionary. This question would put them in a lock box as a supplementary fund to ONLY be used to support students.

Richard announced that we are only 6 members short of making the state goal for QACo.

Necrology reports by Susan Boone- Margaret George- assistant in CMS & CES

Helen Graham Turner at age 111

James R. Kerr, Sr. – SES principal

The state asks for a list on March 1st of any members who have passed. Please keep Susan informed.

Also, let Kathy Draper know about anyone who is ill so that cards can be sent.

Scholarship Committee suggested that the two strongest candidates be selected rather than one from each school. There was spirited discussion. Several people felt a scholarship should be given at each school. Suppose only one school had candidates-do we only give one scholarship? The general feeling seemed to be that a student from each high school should be awarded a scholarship. We will keep it as it is for this year.

Mary Holden volunteered to head Nominations. The current executive team is willing to continue for the next two years. Let Mary know if you're interested in running for an office. She can be reached at (410) 708-2149.

The next meeting will be at Fisherman's Inn on December 11th. Menu choice of prime rib or crabcake will need to be made two weeks ahead. We will have a private room for visiting at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. Cost is \$35 per person.

Bobbie thanked everyone for their contributions and announced that the Silent Auction raised \$404! Many door prizes were awarded before the meeting was adjourned at 1:55

Marge Felty, Secretary