

AARP Chapter 2426 Minutes from the April 19th, 2017 Meeting

President **Petr Skalnik** called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements: The next regular Chapter meeting will be on **May 17th, 2017 @ 1:00PM** at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 24th** at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

Minutes:

The minutes of the March general meeting were read and approved.

Program: Representatives from **Austin Pets Alive!** spoke about the organization as well as other subjects related to rescue dogs and cats. They also answered any questions members had regarding volunteering opportunities. Austin Pets Alive! is not your average animal shelter, as it maintains comprehensive and innovative programs designed to save the animals most at risk for euthanasia and they are proud of the work they have done in helping Austin become a 100% “no kill” city.

Treasurer’s Report:

Barbara Fetonte reported that Chapter 2426 treasury balances were:
Savings account: \$25.00; Regular account: \$2,491.99 and
Travel account: \$2,193.26

Committee Reports

Community Service Committee: In **Pat Thomas’** absence due to her recuperation from eye surgery, Pete reported that Pat has won the AARP National Volunteer award for her outstanding work in creating and coordinating the Roll and Stroll program.

Legislative Committee: Pete was proud to announce that effective immediately, **Debbie Galloway** has volunteered to chair this committee.

Sunshine Committee: Doris Thorne reported that the April Birthdays were: **John Weber, Bonnie Zeugin, Joyce Evans and Mary McDevitt**. And that the Anniversaries were: **Deborah Fennell and Helena Hedrick**

Membership Committee: **Margaret Hughes** reported that there were **56** attendees today, including **5** guests: **Pam Farley, Bernice Bullock, Shirley Fowler, Florence McCauley and Helen Murinchack**.

Travel Committee: Mario Macaluso announced that the trip on June 7th to Lake Buchanan for the Vanishing Texas River Cruise through the Canyon of the Eagles is now **full**. A stand-by list exists in the event there are cancellations. Departure will be at 8:45 a.m. SHARP from South Austin Seniors Activities Center. Remember to bring your lanyards; I.D cards will be distributed before the trip.

Mario also is planning for a trip to visit the Painted Churches of Texas near Schulenburg. These historic churches, built by early Czech and German immigrants to Texas, are striking examples of the wish of these new communities to showcase their independent and passionate desire to preserve their cultural heritage. These churches served as centers of social and cultural as well as religious activity. With their fine craftsmanship and ornate decoration, these buildings are bold proclamations of the new communities' faith and cultural pride.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

(APPROVED 5/17/2017)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary