

# **AARP Chapter 2426**

## **Minutes from the April 17th, 2019 Meeting**

Vice-President **Elaine Benton** called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag at 1:00pm.

**\*Announcements:** The next regular Chapter meeting will be on May 15th, 2019 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on May 28th, 2019 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 20th, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

**Diane McGowan**, newsletter editor and website manager, reminded the members to have your submissions to the newsletter to her by the end of the month.

### **PROGRAM**

**Ms. Julia Davies**, MPH, CHES a Specialist with Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in Waco, presented the Mature Driver Program, which is a traffic safety educational program for the adult driver, focusing on ages 65 and older. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist mature drivers in obtaining optimal safety and comfort while driving. There were many questions from the members and Ms. Davies promised to investigate and report back concerning some confusion about the new "Gold Star" directive on Driver's Licenses.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Attendance and Membership Committee**

**Margaret Hughes** reported that there were **74** attendees at today's meeting including **14** guests and **60** members. There were **4** new members who joined since March and there are now approximately **200** members in our Chapter.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Account Balances were: Savings **\$25.00** Checking **\$2,462.33** and Travel **\$731.47**. She reminded all those who have not paid their 2019 dues that she will be collecting them at the back of the room today.

#### **Community Service Committee**

**Pat Thomas** reported there will be a tour of the Encompass Rehabilitation Center on May 6<sup>th</sup>, a visit to the Central Library for an art exhibit on May 17<sup>th</sup> and a twilight stroll to the Mueller neighborhood along with a visit to the Farmer's market and to an Irish Pub

on May 22nd. In June there will be a tour to the LBJ Library to see an display and interactive exhibit of Motown Music. Please check your newsletters and emails for more specifics.

### **Program Committee**

**Ms. Tami Martin**, MBA will address the topic of Long Term Care and other related services available to the Senior Community. Ms. Martin has spent over 30 years in the Healthcare Industry and she will be sharing gladly share what she has she experienced during that time.

### **Sunshine Committee**

There were 3 April Birthdays and no Anniversaries.

### **Travel Committee**

**Mario Macaluso** announced that the next trip will be to visit the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Visitor Center in San Antonio on June 25<sup>th</sup> with a subsequent tour of the factory where Toyota Tundra trucks are produced. There is a limit of 36 and the cost will be \$45 .We will leave SASAC at 9:00am sharp. Please be aware that there is a prohibition of phones and cameras once you leave the visitor's center as well as some strict dress codes inside the factory for safety reasons. On the tour you will be seeing automated robots transporting truck beds and frames, huge giant robotic arms doing things with impossible precision, and many workers in fork-lifts and working the various processes, drilling, welding, operating machines, etc. Mario will explain the dress restrictions again at the next meeting.

### **Hospitality Committee**

**Connie Flores** thanked members for their generous food offerings and reminded them to collect their dishware at the end of the meeting.

### **Health Committee**

**Randy Hsi** handed out EMS Medical Records Information Packets for members to have handy in case of having to call the EMS. Also their committee is looking at getting speakers and information on lowering drug costs, senior guardianship and other topics.

**Remember:** Bring your aluminum ring tabs to **Rita Forbush** for the Ronald McDonald House.

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

**Ed Gonzales**, Secretary

**APPROVED** (May 15th, 2019)

\*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only.