

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the August 15th, 2018 Meeting

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

***Announcements:** The next regular Chapter meeting will be on September 19th, 2018 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on September 18th 2018 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the July 15th, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Diane McGowan urged those who have not been getting emails or the newsletter electronically to see her after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Pete reminded the volunteers for the AARP Day tomorrow at the Bethany United Methodist Church on Anderson Mill Road to pick up their AARP T-Shirts if they have not done so.

Diane McGowan reported that our chapter has received a \$1,000.00 grant to be used for AARP outreach. Currently, our plans are to create a sign to be placed out in front of SASAC on meeting days. We need to make around 35 vests for our chapter members to wear while on trips or other Chapter sponsored activities. **Diane** said she need some volunteers to help cut out the simple patterns as well as sewers to assemble the vests.

PROGRAM

Our presenters were **Bobby Tsukahara and Gil Starkey**, co-founders of Austin 350, which is associated with 350.org, an international organization with chapters in every country except North Korea. They are working on the climate change that we are all facing. Floods, wildfires extreme heat, and drought are hurting Americans and people around the world. Bobby and Gil are activists who concentrate on trying to bring environmental facts while dispelling false myths about the challenges we face. 350 was named after 350 parts per million – which is considered the safe concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance and Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that there **100** attendees at today's meeting including **19** guests. There have been **11** new members signed up since July.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Account balances were: Checking: \$1,404.09, Travel: \$1,800.94 and Savings remained at \$25.00

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas reported that the evening trip and dinner at the Hula Hut on Lake Austin in August was a big hit. She plans to lead the next outing to a tour of the KUT Radio studios with a lunch at the Austin Ale House. Another stroll in the near future will be to investigate how work is progressing with the Waller Creek Renovation and Beautification Project.

Sunshine Committee

There were 10 birthday celebrants and 1 anniversary, John and Loretta Dahmus, married for 47 years.

Travel Committee

The next trip will be to visit the **George H.W. Bush Museum** in College Station on September 11th. Self-guided tour at your leisure of the Library and Museum with lunch on your own at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. In the afternoon, there will be a "Mystery Stop" before returning to Austin. Price: \$45 per person based on 35-38 people (It includes bus ride, bus driver tips, admission to the Library and Museum, water, treats, raffle gifts and the "mystery stop."). Bus will leave SASAC at 8:15am sharp, members have first priority before space is given to other guests.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Ed Gonzales, Secretary
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APPROVED September 19,

*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only