

# AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Meeting  
Note: Meeting was held at Solstice Senior Living Center

President **Crespin Guzman** called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 10:13 am.

## Roll Call

### Present:

President: **Crespin Guzman**

Vice-President: **Nancy Crowther**

Secretary: **Ed Gonzales**

Treasurer: **Bill Nicholson**

Board Members: **Wanda Halsey**

Board Member: **Maria Martinez**(by Phone)

### Absent:

Assistant Treasurer: **Rosie Perez**

Assistant Secretary: **(Position is vacant)**

Also in attendance were **Pat Thomas and Laura Dutton**

A quorum was established.

**Ed** made a motion that the minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as previously electronically submitted. Motion was seconded by **Pat**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

**Cres** discussed the fact that 2022 is looking to be very different than 2020 and much more like 2021 in that SASAC is still not ready to accommodate our meetings and if and when they do, there supposedly will be a capacity limit imposed of only 50 members at a time. A discussion followed as to how this can be implemented when sometimes the attendance of some chapter meeting well exceeded the allotted 50. There was no consensus on how we could enforce this. Additionally, there may be fees imposed for use of the SASAC facility. At some point in the future, we do hope to meet face to face and the bottom line here is to remain patient. **Nancy** commented that **Ann Kitchen** is our district Representative and maybe she could be asked to intercede on our behalf to get the anticipated SASAC rental fees waived. **Nancy** agreed to investigate this option. **Nancy** is also working with **Randy Hsi** to coordinate a Christmas program featuring **Mario Macaluso** describing how Christmas is celebrated in Italy.

On the matter of the missing Chapter By-Laws, **Cres** has spoken to former presidents **Pete Skalnic** and **Elaine Benton** and they also do not know where the old bylaws might have gone. **Nancy** recently produced a draft copy of Chapter By-Laws using templates from other sources and again has asked everyone to not only examine the areas pertinent to their position, but to take a good look at the entire document and offer any changes, corrections, or other suggestions for a final draft. **Cres** commented

that he has several recommendations for changes in the draft by-laws submitted by **Nancy** and he also stressed that everyone carefully read over the draft copy. **Nancy, Wanda and Maria** agreed to be the By-Laws committee to work through the new document.

**Bill** discussed the Financial Report dated December 8<sup>th</sup>. He said that he had nothing of consequence to add except that the only expense in the near future is the approximate \$150 payment to **Diane** for the website and for postage for mailing out the newsletter.

**Bill** then made a motion that the December 8<sup>th</sup> Financial Report be approved. Seconded by **Wanda**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Additionally, **Bill** made a motion that the January and February newsletters should be sent to everyone on the roster regardless whether they have paid dues or not. Seconded by **Laura**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

**Pat** made a motion that we donate \$100 each to Drive-A-Senior and Meals-on-Wheels. Seconded by **Laura**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

**Maria** commented that **Randy** is setting up the Italian Christmas program with **Mario** along with an introduction by **Cres**.

Following a discussion on ways to implement a face-to-face Chapter meeting while still adhering to the AARP capacity guidelines, **Pat** suggested that we separate the meeting into 2 meetings, but that was thought to be too cumbersome. **Laura** suggested that we could utilize the dining room at Solstice Senior Living Center as it can accommodate well over 100 attendees and there would be no usage fee involved. Because of the uncertainty of our current situation, this issue will have to be revisited again in the near future.

**Laura** reported that she and **Randy** have set up the programs for the foreseeable future.

**Bill** said he has received applications and checks from 2 new members and has also received queries from members of AARP Chapter 2700 about also joining our chapter.

**Pat** reported that she has coordinated a Roll and Stroll event in December consisting a visit to the Broken Spoke Honky-Tonk for dinner and music as well as other December strolls to be announced.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37a.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_