

AARP Chapter 2426 Minutes from the February 15th, 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 **March 15th, 2017 @ 1:00PM** at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 22nd** at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes of the January general meeting were read and approved.

Program: Our February program consisted of a speakers from Capital City Village, an organization dedicated to supporting aging in place – staying in your home and community for as long as possible. They have a network of members, volunteers and providers who can assist you to live independently. Capital City Village also has many social programs to keep you connected, such as morning coffees, discussion groups, home concerts and much more.

Attendance: **Margaret Hughes** reported that were 9 guests present: **Betty Alexander, Gloria Ayala, Sadie Foster, Mary McDevitt, Geneva de Sousa, Elizabeth Smith, Sue Hoffman, Denise Walsh and Pat Vardon.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries: February birthdays were: **Carloyn Nottleson, Myrtle Holmes, Connie Flores, Ba Van Pham and Anita Woerner** . There were no anniversaries.

Treasurer's Report:

Barbara Fetonte reported that Chapter 2426 account balance was \$2,101.21; the Travel Account was \$1,795.11 and the Savings Account remained at \$25.00. 2017 Chapter membership fees were due by the end of February. If your dues are not paid this month, you will be dropped from the membership list. Caryn Gulas, outgoing Treasurer, reported that since we have increased dues, we have \$1,632 more in the budget for the coming year.

Community Service Committee: **Pat Thomas** reported that the Roll and Stroll is planning an outing to Austin City hall to see a display of Public Art Works on Friday the 24th. Meet at the Wheatsville Co-Op @3:00 to take the #803 bus. Dinner following the tour.

Travel: **Mario Macaluso** announced that the first trip for 2017 will be an excursion to Fredricksberg, Texas on March 21st, with a visit to the Wildflower Farms as well as to the

National Museum of the Pacific War. There will also be opportunities for shopping and dining in downtown Fredricksberg. Some space is still available, so invite non-chapter members to come along. Also on June 7th, there will be a trip to Lake Buchanan for the Vanishing Texas River Cruise through the Canyon of the Eagles. The 2-hour cruise provides you spectacular views of Lake Buchanan, the Colorado River, native Texas wildlife, waterfalls, world-class bird watching and wintering Bald Eagles. After the cruise, lunch will be at Mama's Home Cooking Café. Sign up begins at the April Chapter meeting.

Other business: We were sad to announce that our vice president, Elaine Benton, was in a serious traffic accident and had to be hospitalized for an extensive period. Also our Sunshine Committee chairperson, Doris Thorne, has suffered a stroke and is also hospitalized. We are all wishing them both a very speedy recovery.

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

Respectfully submitted,

(APPROVED)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary