

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the February 20, 2019 Meeting

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

***Announcements:** The next regular Chapter meeting will be on March 20th, 2019 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on March 26th, 2019 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Pete also announced that the attendance and topics at the last CLO meeting were somewhat lacking. In addition to trying to find a new venue for this meeting which takes place in far north Travis County, one of the new goals for this next year will be to introduce a new initiative. Last year the goal was to increase membership, at which our chapter has excelled. Next year, our goal will be is to try to include more members in participation and Chapter leadership roles.

PROGRAM

Commander **Mike Benevides** and Captain **Darren Noack** of the Austin/Travis County Emergency Medical Services presented a program on the function and mission of the EMS. Their mission is too provide excellent patient care to anyone, any time, any place to decrease suffering, improve the health of the community, and save lives. The presentation covered broad aspects of the various roles and activities of the EMS, which in turn prompted many specific questions from the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance and Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that there **92** attendees at today's meeting including **15** guests and **77** members. There is now well over **200** members in our Chapter.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Account Balances were: Savings **\$25.00** Checking **\$1,971.68** and Travel **\$754.75**

Sunshine Committee

There were **7** February Birthdays and no Anniversaries.

Travel Committee

Mario Macaluso noted by email that there are still 3 seats available for our first trip in 2019 on April 9th. There is room for 35-40 people and the cost will be \$45.00. The tour will visit Homestead Heritage Village, near Waco. Lunch at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant and shopping at the marketplace and a “mystery stop” on the way back to Austin. Sign up soon.

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas reported on the history of the Roll and Stroll project for those new members who were not aware of what it entailed and how it had gained well deserved nationwide notoriety. There will be new events in the near future, including a docent guided tour of the Dell Children's Hospital with lunch at a Mueller area restaurant on March 1st. On Friday, March 22, in honor of St. Paddy's Day, there will be a roll and stroll to an Irish Pub, O'Reilly's, also in the Mueller area. The Roll and Stroll bus can serve as your designated driver if needed.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

APPROVED (March 20, 2019)

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