

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the February 19th, 2020 Meeting

President Crespin Guzman called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:00 PM.

Announcements: The next regular Chapter meeting will be on March 18th, 2020 and the next Board meeting will be on March 11th, 2020, at 10:00am at the Menchaca Branch of the Austin Public Library.

PROGRAM

Our presenter was Dr. Itamar Birnbaum, a Board Certified Cardiologist with Cardio Texas who specializes in Interventional Cardiology. Dr. Birnbaum gave an excellent overview of the goal of his organization, which is to educate their patients with a knowledge and understanding of their specific medical condition in order to help them fully participate in a shared decision making.

OLD BUSINESS

Crespin reported that effective immediately, Mr. Randy Hsi will be the new Chairman of the Program Committee. Further, in the future, all committees will be reporting to Vice president Nancy Crowther.

Minutes: Secretary Ed Gonzales asked if there were any revisions or corrections to the minutes as published in the recent newsletter. **A motion was requested to approve the minutes as corrected. Mario Macaluso so moved and was seconded by Dolores Macaluso. Approved by acclamation.**

Nancy reported that she has completed the revision and updating of the new trifold AARP Chapter 2426 Informational Brochure, which will be available for distribution and will also appear on our website.

Chapter 2426 Officers and Board Members Reports

Treasurer's Report: Bill Nicholson reported that all accounts are current and up to date. Additionally, if you have not paid your dues for 2020, Bill is collecting these at the back of the meeting room. Please pick up your receipt if you have already paid.

Board Members: Wanda Hensley and Maria Martinez reported that they have been tasked with coordinating the programs for the July and December 2020 meetings and will be working on finding fun activities or programs for these meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance and Membership Committee

Joanne Cepero announced that today we have 6 guests, 2 new members since our last meeting and had a total of 89 attendees present. We now have well over 250 members.

Community Service Committee

Deborah Fennell sent in the reported the following information regarding recent Roll and Stroll events: Pat Thomas successfully underwent spinal surgery on February 4th and is now recovering at home with ongoing rehabilitation. She wishes to thank you for all your prayers and support. On January 20th we visited the LBJ Library where we toured the Motown Exhibition and dined at the New World Deli on "The Drag" (Guadalupe Street). We also had the opportunity to visit Austin's oldest cemetery, Oakwood Cemetery, which was originally established in 1839, the same year the city of Austin was established. We enjoyed a family-friendly backyard lunch at the Sour Duck Market on MLK Blvd. We had to cancel The Lunar Chinese New Year Festival on February 15th due to a change in vendor re-location. This location wasn't on a convenient CapMetro route for our group. All other Roll and Stroll adventures will be postponed until Pat has fully recovered and back to her familiar self. Please continue to enjoy CapMetro transportation, on your own, as Pat has trained us well.

Sunshine Committee

Kathryn Stone, committee chair, helped us celebrate 4 January and 3 February Birthdays but there were no Anniversaries.

Program Committee

Randy reported that there are several health related programs planned for 2020, and reminded everyone that February is Heart Health month. He also reminded the members that there will be a resource table located at the back of the meeting room with various handouts and pertinent information covering many aspects of health.

Travel Committee

Mario Macaluso reported that next trip to visit the **The University of Texas at San Antonio** (UTSA) Institute of Texan Cultures, a museum and library located in HemisFair Park in Downtown San Antonio, Texas is **FULL**. However, there is a waiting list in case someone cancels.

Telephone Committee:

Elaine Benton reported that there are 29 members on the telephone call list and there is a need to update the listing.

Newsletter Committee

Diane McGowan would like to see a new section in the newsletter highlighting one of our outstanding volunteers of the month. Please nominate someone who you would like to see honored. Additionally, if you have an address change, either physical or on email, please let Diane know. In her absence later this spring, Nancy has graciously agreed to produce and edit the April newsletter.

Greeting Committee

Marilyn Totten, Chair, would like some assistance with meeting and greeting both old and new attendees to our meetings.

As a closing remark, president Cres Guzman asked members how they liked today's program and the response was overwhelming positive.

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

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

Ed Gonzales,
Recording Secretary

APPROVED (March 18th, 2020)