

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the January 16th, 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 February 20th, 2019 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on January 28th, 2019 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the December 19th, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Pete also announced that the date of the next CLO meeting is set for January 22nd or the 29th, 2019 in case of inclement weather. **Pete** asked that officers and board members please try to attend, and that anyone else is also welcome.

PROGRAM

Mayor Steve Adler visited our Chapter and discussed his vision and goals for Austin for his next term. Specifically, he addressed the role of the Senior Citizen community in Austin and how our AARP Chapter can help him advance some of his goals relative to this segment of the community. He spoke at length on many topics, especially senior mobility and affordability in the rapidly changing and growing Austin metropolitan area. The mayor concluded his presentation with a question and answer session in which he covered topics specific to senior citizens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance and Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that there **104** attendees at today's meeting including **21 guests and 83** 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 \$1,596.76 and Travel \$774.75

Sunshine Committee

December Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated at this meeting as well as **6** January Birthdays and **1** Anniversary.

Health Committee

Barbara Kaiser said that next month we will have representatives from Emergency Medical Services and will bring 100 EMS packs to give out and that she also received a thank you from Berkeley United Methodist Church for all of the food donated at Christmas.

Travel Committee

Mario Macaluso announced that we will be taking 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, which is an agrarian-and-craft-based intentional Christian community. Its literature stresses simplicity, sustainability, self-sufficiency, cooperation, service and quality craftsmanship. It also strives to live in peaceful coexistence with the land, other people and other faiths. Then lunch at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant and shopping at the marketplace and a "mystery stop" on the way back to Austin. Sign up at the February meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

APPROVED (February 20, 2019)

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