

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the July 26th, 2017 Board Meeting

President **Pete Skalnik** called the meeting to order at 10:00am

Announcements: The next Regular AARP State Committee meeting will be held on August 13th, 2017. The State AARP will be moving to the Mueller Development site sometime before December of this year.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 24th, 2017 Board Meeting were read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality Committee

Al Prewitt said that the members of his committee are doing an excellent job of setting up and helping with all aspects of the food distribution. He suggested that in the future, we set out the food, but keep it unavailable or covered until break time to provide a degree of fairness to all of the members.

Health Committee

Barbara Kaiser and Gail Glick will be coordinating a report and/or speaker on the topic of Vision Health.

Program Committee

Pete said we are still in need of a chair for this committee.

Treasurers Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Checking Account balance was **\$2,438.20**, the Travel Account balance was **\$2,168.38** and the Savings Account balance remained at **\$25.00**. Also the Food drive and fan drive donations have been dispersed. There is some excess money in the checking account due to the increase in dues and **Al Prewitt** suggested that the Chapter pick some worthy charities to which to donate some of the funds around Christmas time and maybe set aside some funds in the case of member personal catastrophe or a natural disaster. **Pete** suggested that we solicit chapter members by means of a ballot to determine those charitable areas that meet certain criteria we would like to support. **Pat Thomas** suggested that there are several worthy small south Austin organizations that could use our support. **Mary Ragland** added that we develop broad categories to present to the chapter and the Board will investigate and then determine where the allocations should go. Some categories suggested were: Hunger; Homeless families, Transportation; Children's medical needs, to name a few.

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas reported that CapMetro has initiated a program called “*Try Transit*” which appears to be closely modeled on Pat’s Roll and Stroll program. In September some time, Cap Metro will be at the SASAC to sign up seniors to get their bus pass I.D.’s. This has been the most difficult part of the process before, it necessitated a trip downtown. **Pat** and **Diane McGowan** suggested that the chapter hold a book exchange, however **Al Prewitt** explained that there is no space available to store the books and that they would have to be brought to the center by whomever heads this effort. **Pete** suggested that we meet with **Janet Ootsey** to see if we can coordinate something along this line with SASAC.

Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that a new procedure would be tried out in the distribution of door prizes as the meeting has gone too long when there is an abundance of gifts. She and **Marilyn Totten** will try limiting the door prizes to 10 per meeting. Currently, there are many more door prizes still in storage than we have time to give them all out. **Al** suggested giving out half of the door prizes before the break. **Diane McGowan** asked **Margaret** how do we determine the number of chapter members. It was suggested that we call those members not on email and see if there are participating members as well as calling exempt members who do not have to pay dues to see if they are still interested in receiving the newsletters and then maybe send them a SASE with an application form to indicate their preference.

Travel Committee

The seats are filling fast for the trip to see the Painted Churches of Texas. See **Mario Macaluso** to sign up at the next regular meeting.

Legislative Committee

Debbie Galloway was on vacation in Canada.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectively submitted

(APPROVED 9/27/2017)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary