

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the June 10th, 2021 Board Meeting
(Note: Meeting was held at Solstice Senior Living Center)

President **Crespin Guzman** called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 10:10 am.

Roll Call

Present:

President: **Crespin Guzman**

Secretary: **Ed Gonzales**

Board Member: **Wanda Hasley**

Board Member: **Maria Martinez**

Absent:

Assistant Treasurer: **Rosie Perez**

Assistant Secretary: **Marilyn Totten**

Vice-President: **Nancy Crowther**

Treasurer: **Bill Nicholson**

Also in attendance were **Diane McGowan**, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, **Joann Cepero** of the Membership Committee, **Connie Flores** of the Hospitality Committee and **Laura Dutton** of the Program and Health committee.

A quorum was not established. Any items to be decided would be done under Roberts Rules of Order.

Ed made a motion that the minutes from the April and May Board of Directors meetings be approved as submitted. Motion seconded by **Joann**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Laura made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report electronically provided by **Bill**. Motion was seconded by **Connie**. The Treasurer's report was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Cres took the first part of the meeting to go over the details of some of the business and financial issues of the chapter. One of the issues concerned some uncertainty about collection of dues. There are currently 156 dues paying members, but we need to contact approximately 80 members concerning delinquent dues. The question was whether should we try to collect the dues from the past pandemic period in which no meetings were held on site or just skip ahead to 2022. It was felt that we should try to collect the

past dues. **Bill** had previously said that we should not attempt to collect any 2022 dues until at least January for bookkeeping purposes.

Cres stated that if we do get a chance to get together for an in-person meeting in July, maybe we could address the issues of dues to the members at that time.

In the meantime **Cres** has directed **Diane** and **Joanne** formulate a list of delinquent members and get with **Bill** to address how to handle payment. **Diane** will send a email to delinquent members and also remind everyone that to be a member of Chapter 2426 you must also belong to the national AARP organization.

On the subject of the July meeting, SASAC will not be available for large groups until at least September 1st, 2021. Additionally, National AARP has advised all chapters that any activities held can not have any AARP branding also until after September 1st.

Laura said that we have several speakers that are flexible on their schedule, so if and when we do decide to meet as a group, we should have no problem enlisting one to fill in. **Laura** also said that the July meeting could be held in the Solstice Senior Living Center dining room, but the problem remains that it could have no AARP branding.

Wanda added that maybe we could have our “July” meeting indoors in September instead of an outdoor picnic setting because of the weather.

Cres asked what do we all think about even having the the July thru September Board meetings? Should we take a break at that time. We should make it known that your dues have to be paid up before attending. The next in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15th, 2021.

Cres then addressed the issue of participation by the various Committees or lack thereof. The membership committee needs to follow up on those who have previously expressed interest serving on various committees or as officers and board members. There is a pressing need to do things differently. Many of the chairs and committee members have not been active during this difficult past year and a half, which is understandable, but things need to be done differently and streamlined in the future.

Connie said that toward this end, things will have to change when we indeed do meet again as there can be no food brought in that isn't pre-packaged but there might still be coffee and water provided.

Maria asked whether we need to set up the room with tables as before versus

auditorium type seating as there will be nothing but hand held snacks distributed. Chapter 2426 will provide snacks and members will not.

Maria asked whether we should go back to every other month for board meetings when things calm down as only 6 per year are required in the by-laws.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Approved August 12th, 2021

Ed Gonzales, Recording Secretary