

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the March 20th, 2018 Board Meeting

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

Attending the meeting were: **Barbara Fetonte, Al Prewitt, Pat Thomas, Mary Ragland, Margaret Hughes, Pete Skalnik, Elaine Benton, Jose Saenz, Gail Glick, Barbara Kaiser, Debbie Galloway and Ed Gonzales**

The minutes of the **January 16th, 2018** Board Meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara Fetonte discussed the results of the recent survey collected from chapter members indicating where they would like to see our \$1,000.00 charitable donation be directed. The results were analyzed and of the of the 38 respondents, the majority indicated that the contributions should be given to organizations who served the hungry and homeless and/or provided Alzheimer support. The Board picked five charities to each receive \$200 each and they were: **Abiding Love Food Pantry, St. Ignatius Food Pantry, Drive-A-Senior, Faith United Methodist Alzheimer Ministry and the Saint Louise House for Transitional Housing. Ed Gonzales moved that this expenditure be approved. Seconded by Gail Glick. Motion approved.** This will be reported to the members at our monthly meeting tomorrow, March 21st, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Account balances were: Checking-\$2,519.16, Travel -\$1,645.31 and Savings remained at \$25.00

Program Committee

Jose Saenz stated that we are currently filled for the rest of the year on programs and presenters. It appears that we may be getting Blue Bell ice cream after all this July for our summer picnic meeting. There is also a conference being held with the City of Austin on Tuesday, April 10th on the subject of "Aging".

Legislative Committee

Debbie Galloway will address the chapter tomorrow on the subject of the the closing of the Medicare "Doughnut Hole". The doughnut hole has been narrowing each year since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was passed in 2010. The gap was scheduled to close in 2020, however, under a recent legislative budget deal, the doughnut hole will now close next year. Major drug companies are opposed to this closure as it will require them to pay more to lower Part D costs.

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas reported that the next Roll and Stroll trip will visit the AARP 's new state offices located at the Mueller Development with a side trip to Lick Honest Ice Cream shop located nearby. Check your newsletters and emails for further announcements of Roll and Stroll trips.

Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported SASAC is currently in the process of justifying funding from the city and urged everyone to also join the center if you have not already done so. They are in the process of converting to a electronic I.D. card system to eliminate having to sign in...a system similar to that used at Well-Med. **Elaine Benton** said she will ask “**Kelly**”, the administrator, if she would be willing to address the Chapter on just what programs and services are provided by the Center.

Travel Committee

Pete reported that said that the trip to the **LBJ Ranch in Johnson City** on May 8th, with a side trip to the **Wild Seed Farm** is full, but there is a waiting list in the event someone cancels. Lunch will be in Fredericksburg. Note that departure time from SASAC will be at 7:45am sharp, so attendees will have to be here no later that 7:15am.

New Business

Pete also indicated that he will be soliciting volunteers to help with the next AARP Day to be held this August at the Bethany United Methodist Church on Anderson Mill Road. Assistance will be needed in setting up rooms, signing in attendees, organizing vendors, distribution of materials, etc.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

(APPROVED 5/15/2018)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary