

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the May 24th, 2017 Board Meeting

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

Announcements: The next Regular Chapter meeting will be on June 21st, 2017, @ @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday July 26th, 2017 @ 10:00 AM at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 22nd, 2017 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

Pete is still struggling with the classification of the Chapter 2426 as non-profit for tax purposes. This issue has lingered far too long and need resolution. It may require more input from the National AARP.

Pete announced that **Jessica Lemann**, Associate Director for Advocacy and Outreach, AARP Texas, sent him an email showing that as things now stand, the new Federal budget proposal is not encouraging. For those not on Medicare, the current Affordable Health Care Act (aka Trumpcare) guidelines look like as many as 10 million people stand to lose coverage either by not qualifying or by not being able to afford new premiums. The State AARP office is seeking volunteers to go on camera to show how they will be negatively affected if these proposals are implemented. **Diane McGowan** will send out an email asking for volunteers and a notice will also be posted on the SASAC bulletin board

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality Committee

An issue arose as to whether we should also offer de-caffeinated coffee along with regular coffee at the refreshment break at our meeting. **Al Prewitt** gave a convincing argument against implementing this change. No action will be taken. On another topic, **Al** also stated that the Drive-A-Senior program is always in need of more drivers. Please see **Al** or **Diane McGowan** or **Mary Ragland** for more information. Additionally, Our guest speaker in July will be from Drive-a Senior South Austin district.

Health Committee

Barbara Kaiser and **Gail Glick** will be renewing the Health Report to be sent to **Diane McGowan** for inclusion in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Primary Savings Account was **\$25**; the Chapter Checking account was **\$2,472.43** and Travel Checking account was **\$1,348.83**

Community Service Committee

Although **Pat Thomas** was absent, it was reported that the Roll and Stroll scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled.

Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that we now have 153 members. **Margaret** also suggested that we give out a packet to new attendees containing a blank volunteer hours form with definitions of the various categories as well as an application for Chapter membership and also a place to write a short personal biography.

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 said there would be more information if and when a special session is called this summer.

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

Respectively submitted

(APPROVED 7/26/2017)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary