

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the July 15th, 2020 Board Meeting
(Note: Meeting was held by Video conferencing on *Zoom*)

President **Crespin Guzman** called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

Present:

President: **Crespin Guzman**

Vice-President: **Nancy Crowther**

Secretary: **Ed Gonzales**

Treasurer: **Bill Nicholson**

Board Members:

Wanda Hasley and **Maria Martinez**(on phone)

Absent:

Assistant Secretary: **Marilyn Totten**

Assistant Treasurer: **Rosie Perez**

Also in attendance was **Randy Hsi** and **Laura Dutton** of the Program and Health Committee, **Mary Ragland**, of the Legislative Committee, **Mario Macaluso** of the Travel Committee, **Diane McGowan**, the Newsletter Editor and WebMaster, **Connie Flores** of the Hospitality Committee, as well as **Dolores Macaluso**, **Yolanda Jackson**, and **Bessie Evans**. With the attendance of at least 5 Officers or Board members, a quorum was established for business purposes.

Cres reported that the newsletter and other emails to members was working well to keep our chapter informed of current issues. **Nancy** inquired as to what it would take to send out birthday and anniversary cards via email. **Cres** then asked whether anyone has heard from **Katheryn Stone**, our Sunshine Committee chair. He has tried to contact her, to no avail. Some say she has moved , but still has relatives locally.

Nancy asked if everyone was able to take advantage of the free ice cream special of which she alerted the chapter. She also said she has been involved with the AARP Chapter Advisory Team in an ongoing capacity. The team reports updates on current AARP issues, meeting schedules and other topics of interest and this information will be included in a future newsletters.

Bill reported that he has compiled a new membership list sorted according to whether current dues were paid. He has sent copies of this this out to the Board , but some

members said they cannot readily print out the *XL* spreadsheet. **Diane** recommended that **Bill** send it out in a PDF format.

As per the budget, **Bill** said that we have given out \$100 donations to both the Vaughn House and to Meals on Wheels, but we still have a surplus of \$660. We will decide at a later date to see where to allocate future donations. **Bill** also said no dues were flowing in at this time mainly because of there being no Chapter meetings. The Membership Roster lists 242 members. There are 148 members who have paid 2020 dues plus 15 who are exempt from paying dues because they are 85 years or older. That leaves 79 who have not paid their 2020 dues. **Diane** recommended that we send a copy of the newsletter to those who have not paid dues to determine whether they wish to continue their membership.

Bill also reported that **Rosie**, who manages the TELCO FCU Travel Checking Account, has mailed refund checks to those who had paid to take the April day-trip to San Antonio. The trip had been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Three checks are considered lost due to wrong mailing addresses, and replacement checks with corrected addresses have been mailed. He further explained to use the “stop payment service” TELCO FCU charges a \$27.50 fee per check. Before ordering stop payment on any of the three lost checks, **Bill** plans on discussing a waiver or reduced fee with a manager or officer of TELCO since AARP Chapter 2426 is a non-profit organization. **Mario**, chair of the Travel committee, also said that there are complications in his getting \$609.75 refunded for the reservation of the bus. Since he paid the deposit out of his own pocket to be assured we could get the reservation, he is out that amount until the bus company eventually returns his deposit. So far, the bus company has been slow to address this issue. **Bill** said that there is no way **Mario** will be left financially responsible for this and has sent **Mario** a check for \$609.75 using the TELCO Chapter Checking Account since the Travel Checking Account does not have enough of a balance. **Mario** said that when he receives the refund from the bus company, he will reimburse the chapter.

BILL made a motion that the Gifts or Donations line item in the 2020 Budget be increased from \$100 to \$200 and decrease the Surplus line item by \$100 causing no change in the 2020 Budget total. Seconded by Nancy. Approved unanimously.

Cres asked **Randy** and **Laura** how the Program and Health Committee was doing. **Randy** said they are still trying fund a suitable platform to easily post future programs, maybe *Zoom*, Facebook ,*YouTube* or even a Webinar. **Randy** has a business account with *Zoom*, with a 120 participant limit. This issue is still to be determined. To date, the program for August is from CapMetro, for September is “Cost of Prescriptions” and for

October is “The Aging Brain”.

Randy wondered if whether the State AARP office could help with this and **Mary** said that judging from past experience, you should expect no help from them as their position is that they do not want to be held responsible for any information that is not generated by their office. **Randy** agreed, but said he would investigate whether they would help with any non-AARP issues. **Mary** reported that she has recruited an additional member to her Legislative Committee. She is **Rhea Copenig**. She would like to have one additional member on this committee. The goal of that team is to have something in the newsletter each month keeping chapter members aware of all the political issues during the coming legislative session which convenes in January 2021. **Mary** would also like to have a couple of program slots available for the Legislative committee. **Diane** asked to please send in articles for the newsletter as she has been finding most of the content herself. **Connie** said the Hospitality Committee members miss seeing everyone at the meetings but are doing great with other volunteer areas. She reminded us that SASAC is still handing out free meals from Meals on Wheels on Monday at the Center. **Maria** also said SASAC is still doing virtual classes as well.

Ed asked that whether there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June Board meeting sent out by email and if not, he made a motion that they be approved. Wanda seconded. Approved unanimously. Nancy then made a motion that for the time being, we just keep everyone on the membership roster paid or unpaid with the caveat that we reach out to determine whether they wish to remain members. Seconded by Wanda. Approved unanimously.

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Wednesday, August 19th at 1:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Approved _____

Ed Gonzales, Recording Secretary

