

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the March 22nd, 2017 Board Meeting

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

Announcements: The next Regular Chapter meeting will be on April 19th, 2017, @ 1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday May 24th, 2017 @ 10:00 AM at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 25th, 2017 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Old And New Business

Pete Skalnik announced that **Karen Stone** has volunteered to chair the Program Committee, which was left vacant due to the passing of **Hollis Sheppard**.

Mary Ragland suggested that since there are now some excess funds in the operating budget, we should be thinking about which organizations we would like to donate to this year as well as seeing whether some of that money could be used to purchase equipment such as a multimedia or business projector for use in Chapter meetings, presentations or for instruction. Most business projectors include an HDMI (High Definition Multi Media) port for connecting to your laptop, Blu-ray player or other device. We will ask **Caryn Gulas** to investigate into this.

Mary also questioned whether it would be a good idea to publish the General Meeting and Board minutes on our website. The board agreed and **Ed Gonzales** said that he would go back to the beginning of the year and send the approved minutes to **Diane McGowan** to publish. Ed also said that from this point on, all minutes will be sent to Diane as soon as they are approved and/or corrected. Ed also agreed to update the Chapter 2426 history archives to include Chapter events from 2015 and 2016.

Committee Reports

Treasurers Report: **Barbara Fetonte** reported the following-Savings: \$25, Checking: \$2,485.95 and Travel: \$2,542.61. **Barbara** also asked to whom the updated membership lists should be emailed. It was decided that they should go to the Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs.

Revisiting the issue of donations, **Mary Ragland** suggested that we make up a list of qualified organizations and take it to the general membership for them to decide where our donations should go. A subcommittee of the community service committee will be tasked with this responsibility.

Legislative Committee: Mary Ragland provided a toll free telephone number to call to let your legislators know how you stand on numerous house and senate bills currently before the 84th Texas legislature. She then provided a list of the bills and a brief description of their impact as well as whether the AARP supports or opposes these bills.

Community Service Committee: Marilyn Totten reported that there is a Roll and Stroll scheduled for Saturday to go the Blanton Art Museum. **Pat Thomas** is still recuperating from eye surgery and has moved to a duplex in a senior community in North Austin, but will continue to remain a Chapter 2426 member and to coordinate future Roll and Stroll events.

Membership Committee: Margaret Hughes reported that after the purge of non-paying members, there are now currently 163 active members.

Hospitality Committee: Al Prewitt said that the kitchen doors between the SASAC break room and the meeting room will no longer remain open due to housekeeping and sanitary concerns. Coffee and water will be provided in the large meeting room.

With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned @ 12:20pm

Respectively submitted

(APPROVED 5/24/2017)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary