

# AARP Chapter 2426

## Minutes from the March 26th, 2019 Board Meeting

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

Attending the meeting were: **Barbara Fetonte, Margaret Hughes, Diane McGowan, Pete Skalnik, Marilyn Totten, Nancy Crowther, Deborah Fennell, Barbara Kaiser, Jose Saenz and Ed Gonzales**

The minutes of the January 28th, 2019 Board Meeting were read and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Pete** reminded the Board that the next regular meeting will be on April 17th, 2019; the next Board meeting will be on May 28th, 2019 and the next meeting of the Community Council will be on April 7th, 2019. **Pete** also that this coming year the major emphasis will be to increase more chapter members in participation and leadership roles. One idea is to have more “Back-Up” for officers and committee members. Another idea was to pay more attention to the “Smart Goals” handout distributed at the CLO meeting . Copies were made available to all who needed one.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Treasurer’s Report

**Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Account balances were: **Savings\$25.00, Travel \$1,138.16 and Regular Checking \$2,272.07**. **Barbara** also reported that the chapter is at a point where we can afford to give more donations to our selected charities. A discussion was held as the where our donations would do the most good and it was universally agreed that we should limit our gifts to local small South Austin organizations which most directly serve our community. Examples were Drive-a Senior, Bread for All, Family Elder Care, Capitol Area Food Bank and possibly a new child care center which **Diane McGowan** will have more information on later.

#### Membership Committee

**Margaret Hughes** reported that due to non-payment of yearly dues, several members were dropped off of the chapter membership list. This brings the number down to around 189, but it is anticipated that that number will rise as more pay up at the next chapter meeting.

#### Health Committee

**Barbara Kaiser** cautioned members to be aware of the side effects of various medications, which sometimes can be worse than the illness for which they were prescribed. She also noted the difficulty in

just “waiting” for someone to volunteer for a committee, but rather a more proactive approach needs to be taken.

### **New Business**

**Pete** said that **Diane McGowan** will continue to maintain the newsletter as well as any input into the website, but she needs assistance in both the publishing and proof-reading aspects. **Diane** will be re-doing the Chapter 2426 handout and is requesting assistance for this also.

**Pete** also mentioned that since we continue to strive for more diversity in our meetings he suggested that we have a “sub-committee” of folks who meet and greet members and guests and serve as mixers by introducing them to other members at different tables. **Danny Fetonte** has already assisted the membership and front desk greeters in this capacity and **Nancy Crowther** and **Debbie Fennell** will also assist.

It was also suggested that **Danny Fetonte** would be a good addition to the Legislative Committee to assist **Debbie Galloway**, who is also highly involved in many all of her non-AARP activities. **Barbara Fetonte** suggested that **Debbie Galloway** should be the one to ask **Danny**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

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**Ed Gonzales, Secretary**