

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from November 15th, 2017 Meeting

President **Petr Skalnik** called the meeting to order at 1:00pm . Vice President **Elaine Benton** led the pledge to the flag.

***Announcements:** The next regular Chapter meeting will be on December 20th, @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on January 24th, 2018 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 18th, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Pete announced that the annual **CLO** (Chapter Leadership Orientation) meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road. All board members and officers, as well as any other interested members are encouraged to attend.

Program: Our November speaker was **Jennifer McFarlin**, a Customer Service Representative for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. She described volunteer opportunities with the Austin Airport Ambassador program. This program provides customer service to airport passengers and visitors regarding the Airport or Austin and surrounding areas.

Attendance and Membership Committee: **Margaret Hughes** reported that there were **63** attendees and **4** guests. They were: **Marla and Crispin Guzman, Carol Miller, and Henry Juarez**. We also have added **4** new members this month.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: There were **2** birthday celebrants present: **Elaine Benton and Dolores Gonzales** and **1** Anniversary celebration: **Ed and Harriet Gonzales**

Community Service: **Pat Thomas** briefly described some exciting new upcoming Roll and Strolls. For a detailed description of the dates and locations, please consult your newsletter as well as emails specifically announcing Roll and Stroll events. Please note that we will not have any strolls between December 20th and January 20th. Also Pat reminded everyone that at the December meeting, we will have our potluck luncheon with entertainment by long time member and past president Tom Bauer. We will also be collecting the filled Christmas gift bags for the benefit of Drive-A-Senior clients.

Treasurer's Report: **Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Savings Account remains at **\$25.00**, the checking account is **\$2,140.56** and the Travel Account is **\$1,629.07**. Also **Rosie Perez** will be replacing **Caryn Gulas** as assistant treasurer and will be assisting **Mario Macaluso** with all of the travel finances.

Travel Report: The trip to Clifton, Texas for the Norwegian Christmas is sold out. There is a waiting list. **Mario Macaluso** reminded those going that the SASAC will not be open so please meet in the nearest parking lot.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

(**APPROVED** December 20th, 2017)

*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only