

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the November 21st, 2018 Meeting

President **Petr Skalnic** called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag at 1:00pm.

***Announcements:** The next regular Chapter meeting will be on December 19th, 2018 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on January 22nd, 2019 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: The minutes of the October 17th, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Pete also announced that the date of the next CLO meeting is set for January 22nd or the 29th, 2019 in case of inclement weather. Also be reminded that Medicare enrollment ends on December 7th.

Diane McGowan has asked that all contributions to the December newsletter be submitted to her before November 30th.

PROGRAM

Ms. Nicole Warren, Helpline and Crisis Line Practice Manager, Integral Care, presented an informative overview of mental health with a focus on available Adult Mental Health Services. Following her presentation, Ms. Warren answered several questions from the chapter members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance and Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes reported that there **71** attendees at today's meeting including **9** guests. There is now over **200** members in our Chapter and **6** new members have joined since our last meeting.

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas. Reported that we will be participating in food donations again this year to food pantries at St. Ignatius Catholic Church Food Pantry, Berkeley United Methodist Church and Bannockburn Baptist Church. Pat also said she has several gift bags for you to fill for if you haven't had the chance to get one yet. Please fill them with necessary non-perishable personal items and bring them to the next meeting. Also several Roll and strolls are scheduled in the coming month, such as the "Big Sing" at Eastside Café; a "Christmas Crawl" on December 7th; a concert on December 13th at noon at the Central Presbyterian Church and another concert at St. Edward's University. Please consult your emails for specific dates and times. Also remember to bring your aluminum ring tabs to **Rita Furbish** for the Ronald McDonald House.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Account Balances were: Regular Checking **\$1,321.16**; Travel Checking **\$1,079.21**; and Savings remains at **\$25.00**

Sunshine Committee

Doris Thorne announced that there were 2 birthdays: Loretta Dahmus and Barbara Fetonte and one anniversary: **Ed & Harriet Gonzales**-51 years.

Travel Committee

Mario Macaluso reminded the chapter that there are still 5 seats left for the next bus ride to San Antonio. Day of trip: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 The cost will be \$40.00 and we will leave SASAC @ 1:00pm sharp and return around 9:30pm.

Nominating Committee

Al Prewitt the 2019 slate of officers and Board members and since there was no objections, they will be installed at the next meeting.

Program Committee

Crispin Guzman reported that our next meeting will be our annual Christmas luncheon with Christmas carols being provided by Chapter 2426 Ex-President **Tom Bauer** and that the programs for next year are pretty well lined up through July. The July meeting will remain our Ice Cream Social with entertainment provided by member **Charles Starnes**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

APPROVED (December 19th, 2018)

*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only.