

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from October 18th, 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 November 15th, @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on November 22nd, 2017 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 20th, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Program: Our October speaker was **Dr. Laura Miller** of Northwest Hills Eye Care. She defined exactly what low vision is and how a low vision evaluation differs from a regular eye exam. She also discussed how different low vision aids help with reading and distance tasks. She showed ways to help heighten contrast and improve lighting to help enhance weak vision. Dr. Miller is a therapeutic optometrist and glaucoma specialist who specializes in providing low vision services to those who are visually impaired and legally blind. She also travels to other cities in Texas to provide low vision services and has lectured on numerous low vision issues including cortical visual impairment, visual field disorders, managing the low vision patient and LASIK, dry eye, glaucoma and retinal disorders.

Attendance and Membership Committee: **Margaret Hughes** reported that there were **67** attendees and **5** guests. They were :**Charles Gravitt, Peggy Hamilton. Carol Ford, Pauline Weldon, and Ralph Overrides.** We also have added **2** new members: **Nellie Aguirre and Teresa Parma**

Birthdays and Anniversaries: There was **1** birthday celebrant present: Helen Murinchack and **1** Anniversary: **Jim and Helen Murinchack**

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.

Treasurer's Report: **Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Savings Account remains at **\$25.00**, the checking account is **\$2,213.14** and the Travel Account is **\$2,907.46**

Travel Report: The trip to Clifton, Texas for the Norwegian Christmas is sold out. There is a waiting list. The Painted Churches Trip was a great success as shown in all of the pictures on our website.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

(APPROVED November 15, 2017)

*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only