

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from September 20th, 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 October 18th @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 August 16th, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Program: The September program was a presentation by **Cinde Weatherby**, President of the Austin Area League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. She updated information on recent changes to the voter ID law; current issues being researched by the LWV-AA; and an upcoming conference they are hosting that will address the Austin Mayor's Task Force on Systemic Racism.

Attendance and Membership Committee: **Margaret Hughes** reported that there were **70** attendees and **5** guests. They were :**Teresa Parra, Alethia Houston, Shirley Fox, Nellie Aguirre and Cindy Weatherby**

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Two members were honored for a September birthday: **Lilac Bauer and Marilyn Totten**. There were **no** anniversaries.

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. Pat also reported about a recent trip to the LBJ Museum with lunch afterwards at Jason's Deli. They also took a Roll and Stroll trip to Lo-Burn(lower Burnet Road)to shop at various thrift shops and have lunch later at the Blue Star Cafe. On **October 20th** is the next Roll and Stroll. Meet at Wheatsville at 10:00am to travel downtown on the #803 bus and transfer to bus #2 or #4 headed to the **Texas State Cemetery** for a guided tour of this historic area. (We must have 10 individuals to qualify for a guided tour) Texas history is the focus of the cemetery tours. The beautiful cemetery consists of 18 acres and was established prior to 1851. We will eat after the tour at an undetermined location. Pat announced that on September 26th, representatives of Capitol metro will be available at the SASAC to help seniors obtain their bus I.D. cards from 10-12pm. For \$3.00 for two years, the bus pass allows you to ride any cap metro bus or railcar for half-price.

Treasurer's Report: **Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Checking Account balance was **\$2,438.20**, the Travel Account balance was **\$2,168.38** and the Savings Account balance remained at **\$25.00**.

Travel Report: The trip to Clifton, Texas for the Norwegian Christmas is sold out. There is a waiting list. The Painted Churches Trip is going as on as rescheduled on October 24. The departure is at 9 a.m. sharp. **Rosie Perez** will be the new assistant travel treasurer starting in January 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Gonzales, Secretary

(APPROVED October 18, 2017)

*Not read at the meeting, for informational purposes only