

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the September 18th, 2018 Board Meeting

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

Attending the meeting were: **Barbara Fetonte, Al Prewitt, Pat Thomas, Margaret Hughes, Pete Skalnik, Elaine Benton, Gail Glick, Mary Ragland, Crispin Guzman, Barbara Kaiser, Marilyn Totten and Ed Gonzales**

The minutes of the **July 17th, 2018** Board Meeting were read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pete reminded the Board that the next meeting will be on November 20th. **Pete** was unable to attend the last AARP Community Team meeting, so **Elaine** reported on the findings. One main topic was a critique of the AARP day results. Overall, there was a decrease in the variety of vendors and the location where it was held also was discussed. There is a need to find a more accommodating location that is financially feasible and more easily reachable by other chapters than the current Anderson Mill location. There were 25 members from Chapter 2426 at the AARP Day this year. There was also discussion for this year's CLO meeting and what type of training should be held as some of the sessions in the past were not wholly applicable. In the past, officers were used as facilitators and some sessions used videos that were somewhat out of date. The council decided to look into doing something new. **Pete** will bring up our thoughts on this at the next team meeting. **Crispin** volunteered to take the lead in searching for a new location to suggest while keeping in mind both cost and location. **Barbara Kaiser** suggested that we put the results of the critique in our newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee

Pete announced that **Jose Saenz** has had some family issues to address and in his stead, **Crispin** will assist in lining up any programs still needed for the rest of the year.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Fetonte reported that the Account balances were: Checking-\$1,309.03, Travel -\$1017.81 and Savings remained at \$25.00

Community Service Committee

Pat Thomas announced that we will again be having a clothing collection for the Central Presbyterian Church as well as our usual Holiday gift bag collection for our Drive –a-Senior clients. **Al Prewitt** suggested that we provide our own bags and eliminate selling bags to be filled. Additionally, **Mary Ragland** moved that we approve a \$100 donation to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort and it was seconded by **Crispin Guzman**. Approved by acclamation.

Nominating Committee

Marilyn Totten said the slate of officers is full and will be presented to the Chapter later for approval to determine who is still on this committee. **Pete** said he would cede his position as President for Life if someone else would like to take over the position. Please contact **Marilyn** if you have suggestions for other candidates.

Hospitality Committee

Al Prewitt reported that **Connie Flores** will be taking over the Chairperson position of this committee and that she and her assistants are doing a great job.

Membership Committee

Margaret Hughes requested that we have a few copies of the newsletter at the reception desk to hand out to guests or new or prospective members. **Marilyn** suggested several changes to the greeting arrangement tables and will discuss further with the **Margaret** and other members of the Membership committee

Sunshine Committee

Effective immediately, **Kathryn Stone** will be taking over the responsibilities of acknowledgement of birthdays and anniversaries and the distribution of candy from **Doris Thorne**.

New Business

Diane reported that we are in need of someone to rebuild and maintain the Chapter website. She said that she will continue to maintain the newsletter and any input into the website. But the website still need to be rebuilt and maintained and this needs to be done before the end of November. **Diane** also discussed getting a banner or sign to be placed at SASAC announcing our meeting days and times. The size and kind of sign will be discussed with **Elaine**. **Mary Ragland** moved that we print up about 1,000 business cards for members to hand out at our various social activities. Seconded by **Marilyn**.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

(APPROVED 11/20/2018)

Ed Gonzales, Secretary