

# AARP Chapter 2426

## Minutes from the September 19th, 2018 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 17th, 2018 @1:00PM at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. The next Board meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Manchaca Road Branch of the Austin Public Library @ 10:00 am.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 15th, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

**Pete** reported that the location usually used for the AARP Day and CLO meetings provided by Chapter 2700 will no longer be available so he asked members to suggest any other viable sites that might be considered, especially those that may be more readily accessible to central and south Austin members.

**Pete** also reminded everyone that the November elections are soon upon us, so if you have not registered to vote, you can do so with **Barbara Fetonte** here today.

**Diane McGowan** again urged those who have not been getting emails or the newsletter electronically to see her after the meeting. **Diane** also asked for a volunteer to assist with the rebuild of the Chapter website.

### PROGRAM

*Update on Medicare 2019:* **Mr. Randy Hsi**, licensed insurance agent certified in Medicare from Health Markets Company, presented a detailed overview at what Medicare covers and changes that will happen in 2019. The subject matter was very extensive in nature and could not be fully addressed in the time allowed, so **Mr. Hsi** volunteered to address the Chapter again in the future to answer more of the questions that the presentation elicited.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Attendance and Membership Committee

**Margaret Hughes** reported that there **98** attendees at today's meeting including **17** guests. There have been **5** new members signed up since August.

#### Treasurer's Report

**Barbara Fetonte** reported that the Account balances were: Savings-**\$25.00**; Travel-**\$701.71**; Regular Checking-**\$1310.11** and Grant Balance -**\$747.66**

#### Community Service Committee

**Pat Thomas** reported that our chapter will once again be assembling Christmas gift bags for Senior shut-ins. Please fill a small gift bag with non-edible necessities and bring to the meetings starting with the December meeting. **Pat** also said there will be canned food collection in November to distribute to the various food pantries in south Austin. Also remember to bring your aluminum ring tabs to **Rita Furbish** for the Ronald McDonald House. There will be a roll and stroll on September 28th to visit the Waller Creek Development Project and a stroll on October 12th to visit Clarksville with lunch later at Cipollina's Restaurant.

#### **Sunshine Committee**

**Kathryn Stone** announced that there were 3 birthday celebrants and no anniversaries.

#### **Travel Committee**

**Rosie Perez** announced that he next trip will be a bus ride to San Antonio, with shopping at El Mercado and a free admission to the San Antonio Museum of Art. There will also be a stop at the River Walk Center food court while enjoying the Christmas lights along the River Walk, as well as shopping, or taking a boat ride on your own provided you do it in ample time before the bus leaves for Austin at 8 p.m. sharp. Sign-up at the AARP meeting on October 17, 2018. 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.

#### **Telephone Committee**

**Elaine Benton** reported that there are now only 19 members who still receive a meeting notice phone call due to more extensive use of the email notifications by chapter members.

#### **Nominating Committee**

**Marilyn Totten** reported that the proposed 2019 slate is full, but if anyone else wanted to volunteer for any of the positions they are more than welcome to do so.

#### **Hospitality Committee**

**Al Prewitt** reported that **Connie Flores** is taking over the Chairperson position and she and her assistants are doing a fantastic job.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

**Ed Gonzales**, Secretary

**APPROVED** (with corrections October 17th, 2018)

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