

AARP Chapter 2426

Minutes from the November 10th, 2021 Board Meeting
(Note: Meeting was held via **Zoom**)

President **Crespin Guzman** called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance at 10:16 am.

Roll Call

Present:

President: **Crespin Guzman**

Vice-President: **Nancy Crowther**

Secretary: **Ed Gonzales**

Treasurer: **Bill Nicholson**

Board Members: **Wanda Halsey**

Board Member: **Maria Martinez**

Absent:

Assistant Treasurer: **Rosie Perez**

Assistant Secretary: **Marilyn Totten**

Also in attendance were **Elaine Benton, Pat Thomas and Connie Flores**

A quorum was established.

Ed made a motion that the minutes from the October meeting be approved as previously electronically submitted. Motion was seconded by **Wanda**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Nancy reported that in her dealings with other chapters and with the state AARP, it appears our chapter is doing much more than any of the other local chapters. She also said she had emailed to the Board her first draft of the new Chapter by-laws which she recently coordinated. She asked that we all take a good look at this and offer any changes, corrections, or other suggestions for a final draft.

Cres discussed a recent letter from the state office of AARP saying that at present they strongly recommend group gatherings of no more than 50 members starting January 2022. A discussion followed as to how this can be implemented when sometimes the attendance of some chapter meeting well exceeded the allotted 50. There was no consensus on how we could enforce this.

Bill discussed the Financial Report dated October 31st. He said that he had nothing of consequence to add except that he has received no money since October. The only expense in the near future is the approximate \$150 payment to **Diane** for the website and for postage for mailing out the newsletter.

Cres asked how the finances of the chapter stood overall. **Bill** said they were in great shape. We have over \$3,200 in the checking account. Months ago, **Bill** transferred all but \$25 from the Travel Checking account to the Chapter Checking account. Telco FCU requires an active account to maintain a balance of \$25 and it does not pay a dividend on an account that has less than a \$1,500 balance. The transfer

was \$381 to put the money into an account earning a monthly dividend which the Chapter Checking account does with its continuing balance of over \$1,500 per month for some three years plus. When the day trips arranged by Mario resume, the \$381 can be transferred back to the Travel Checking account.

Bill then made a motion that the October 31st financial report distributed to the board be approved. Seconded by **Wanda**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Nancy asked whether we should put our chapter funds where they could incur interest or dividends. She asked whether Telco is still the best place to have our funds. **Bill** said it would be a waste of time to be looking for a better deal as no financial institutions are paying anything that would justify moving our funds. He said our chapter's, needs are simple and that Telco is convenient.

Cres asked if any thought had been given as to just who should be getting the newsletter. No matter who, it should restate that if no dues are paid, then there is no membership. At present there are approximately 174 members in the Chapter. Dues will remain at \$10.00/calendar year.

Bill made a motion that we encourage members to pay dues from January through March for the following calendar year and that we should put this notice in the December newsletter. Seconded by **Nancy**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Nancy commented that there is obviously a correlation between checks received and the lack of on-site meetings.

Bill said he has received queries from members of AARP chapter 2700 about also joining our chapter. The question arose whether one could be a member of more than one chapter. **Ed** stated that in years past, **Herb Zwernemann**, liaison for State AARP, was a member of all the local chapters so it appears that it could be done.

Elaine has been having difficulties with the membership of the the telephone committee as they are having a frustrating time contacting members and also actually participating on the committee. She said she is in the process of reorganizing the committee.

Wanda asked whether we should request that **Mario** make a presentation about how Christmas is celebrated In Italy. This would be by *Zoom*. **Cres** said we will let **Randy** and **Laura** coordinate this.

Pat made a motion that the board approve a Roll and Stroll event in December consisting of a safe and enjoyable activity which would abide by all pandemic safety requirements. Seconded by **Wanda**. The motion was accepted as provided by unanimous affirmative votes of the Board.

Cres praised **Nancy** for the great work she did in drafting the Chapter by-laws. This is an excellent start and a close review by all should be undertaken to fine tune the final document. **Cres** also asked whether we need eight Board members. Would it be sufficient to have just six?

Nancy said that maybe we should place a note in the December newsletter asking whether anyone had a copy of the previous Chapter 2426 by-laws.

Bill asked whether the board might be able to meet in person in December. **Cres** said he would look into it. Maybe we could meet at SASAC, Solstice or the library as before.

Cres reiterated the challenges the chapter is facing and what we are doing to keep everything running smoothly during this unusual period. **Nancy** recommended that the January on site board meeting also include all committee chairs.

Cres said he has everything related to the chapter and also all of the projection equipment. He will meet with **Pete Skalnik** to see if he has anything additional.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Approved