AARP Chapter 1917 General Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 8, 2024

The general membership meeting of the AARP Chapter 1917 was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:04 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob.

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Officers present: Bob McCluskey, Charlie Herbert, Sandy Kvech, Mary Jo Breslin, Donna Reid, John Lucas, Tish Michel and Margaret DeGeorge.

Program: Mr. Michael Winaker, President of the Community Emergency Response Team, gave an excellent presentation of the history of this organization and how it has grown to have chapters in every State and in other countries. There were a number of members of Chapter 1917 of AARP already in the program and it is open to everyone to join. There were many questions from the audience and handouts were available on the side table.Mr Winaker would be available after the meeting for any more questions.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Kvech submitted the treasurer's report in printed form and it is attached to the minutes in the binder. The Chapter is in good financial shape.

Travel: Fran said that there will be a meeting for those attending the NE/Canada trip here at the Sr. Center on June 17th from 2-3 P.M. There are still openings for the Kangaroos and Comedians event

50th Gala: Fran stated that May 17th will be the cut-off date in accepting the final payments to attend this event.

Shredding Event: Bob reminded members of this event which is the day after the 50th Gala. It is free but users are requested to bring non-perishable food for local charities.

Fall elections: Bob said that there is a vacancy on the Board and the election will take place in November.

September Meeting: There will be no meeting in June, due to the Gala event. We never have meetings in July and August. The September meeting is not feasible to be held here at the Senior Center as it is Bike Week and the Convention Center parking lot will be impacted. It is possible that the American Legion post could be used but plans haven't been finalized as yet. You will be informed when they are.

There will be flu shots available at the October meeting for those wishing to get them.

There was made available contact information about some Drug Manufacturers that offer financial assistance on some of their medicines that are cost prohibitive. Also, local pharmacies may offer discounts of their own.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon reported there were no member Birthdays in May.

September Guest Speaker: Bob reported that Karen Holstein will be giving information on Senior Living Options.

Community Activities: None were reported

Old/New Business: None were reported

50/50: The winner of the 50/50 recieved \$56.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary AARP Chapter 1917