AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR March 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:05 AM. There were 70 attendees with 5 new members.

Guests and new members were introduced.

Sunshine Lady Anne Cooley said wellness wishes were sent to Dr. Friedman and Joe Mitrecic.

Health Fair: Dr. Melvin Friedman spoke of the Fair which will be held on May 8, 7AM to 11AM at the new upstairs ballroom at the Convention Center. He is hoping to have 100 vendors and increase attendance. He asked that members bring friends and neighbors. AGH has agreed to bring back full blood work tests including HDL, LDL, Triglycerides and Glucose. Flyers were available to all members.

Shorebirds marketing manager, Travis Taylor, gave some background on the transitions in the League: Gulf Coast—Aberdeen—Delmarva—Frederick—Bowie—Norfolk—Baltimore. He explained the good deals available to seniors with the Silver Slugger packages available at the stadium.

Our speaker, Andrea Schlottman, Manager of the Ocean City Library, presented information on free programs for adults and children, over and above just books, at the Library – dance, e-readers, lectures, and job search. She stated that the OC Library is unique in the state as its number of visitors swells from an average of 10,000 per month in the off season to 200,000 to 300,000 during the four months of summer. Among the programs available is a writing group and two contributors read from the group's recently published book *Watermark*. The library newsletter via email can be requested. Ms. Schlottman was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her appearance.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bill Shoop. Balances ending for February are: General Fund –\$11,338; Health Fair - \$1,328, Travel - \$10,189. The report was approved as presented.

Membership chair Louise Fox said there are 182 paid members.

Travel chair Alcea Sprung announced current travel plans: April- Rainbow Theatre, Ocean Downs (money due 4/11); May – Belgium, St. Michaels (money due 5/1); June – Delmarva Discovery Center; September – Niagara Falls; October – rescheduled Annapolis; November – NYC. Sandy Kvech noted that the Library is sponsoring a trans-Canadian trip and she has information.

Scholarship chair, Norma Bull, noted that we are the only local AARP chapter offering a scholarship. The committee will meet soon to select candidates.

President Chris announced speakers for April – Delmarva Discovery Center; May – Jim Mathias; June – Michael Franklin, CEO of AGH; September – Salisbury Zoo. Chris also noted that we will not be cancelling January General Meetings.

Good of the Order

- (1) Mary Knight discussed the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday.
- (2) Ray Jackson announced that Snow Hill AARP Chapter is celebrating its 35th anniversary.
- (3) Ruth Murphy asked for volunteers to bring "goodies" to the April meeting.
- (4) Bill Shoop and Phyllis Mosmiller said the new Art League was great and worth a visit.
- (5) John Vittek received a happy birthday cookie.

50/50 won by Jerry Mohler - \$38 to Jerry, \$38 the Chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Albrecht, Recording Secretary