

AARP Chapter 1917
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

At 9:35 Bob made the announcement that Flu shots are being given here and that 2 candidates for Mayor, Mayor Rick Meehan and Councilman Peter Buas, are at this meeting to meet and greet the members. Also Larry Yates did some meeting and greeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:05 and he led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Bob McCluskey, Charlie Herbert, Margaret DeGeorge, Sandy Kvech,
Directors present: Jack Boehmer, Mary Joe Breslin, Donna Reid, John Lucas
Officers absent: Tish Michel

The guest speaker, Ms. Karen Holstein made her presentation on Aging and Alzheimer's.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Kvech went over the treasurer's report and it has been submitted in printed form and is attached to the minutes in the binder. She reported that the Chapter is in good financial shape.

Travel and Xmas Party: Fran Smith reported that the Canadian/NE trip went very well and everyone had a good time. There are still openings for the Xmas trip to N.Y. and the trip to Gaylord National Resort. The sign up for the Xmas Party must be paid by December 2nd.

Elections: John Lucas asked the members if they had any member who would want to run for any of the 3 positions on the Board that are up for re-election. There were no suggestions from the floor. Members can still nominate someone before next month's meeting and to do so, contact John Lucas with nomination names at lucasjoc@gmail.com, otherwise all 3 positions will automatically be reelected.

Lunch Bunch: Andrea Albrecht volunteered to start the lunch bunch program if there was an interest and a show of hands indicated that there was. This would be for the months of Jan. Feb. and March and there will be no collection of money, as each participant will order from the menu and there will be separate checks given. She has a list of restaurants that will do this and if anyone has any suggestions for additions to her list, please share that with her. This can work if the participants amount to 20-25 tops

and Andrea will set things up. Bob thanked Andrea for her willingness to reinstate the Lunch Bunch, which was a popular program in the past.

President's Report: Bob reminded the members that they must keep their National AARP membership dues up to date. They are due in January, but there is talk of the dues going up next year, so it will be in your best interest if you pay now.

The Chapter received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State AARP and this Certificate is now hanging on a wall at this 50+ Center that Bob pointed to.

The sign-up sheet for donations for the snack table is on the snack table and donations are appreciated. It will help Donna Reid if members sign up and she won't have to be calling individuals.

Bob has more of the discount coupons for Healing Hands and the expiration date on these coupons does not make them void. Call the office to schedule an appointment. He has them for anyone who would like one.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon Craven was absent but she informed Bob that a condolence card was sent to Bob Norris, whose wife Helen died. Bob Norris was a past president of this chapter. A card was also sent to Jennifer Albright, whose husband Gerald died.

November guest speaker: Ms. Kelly Williams, Worcester Co. Health Dept., will speak on Nutrition and Brain Health.

Community Activities: Charlie Herbert reported that this being Fire Prevention week, that members should check their electric strips and make sure they aren't hot from being overloaded, check their dryer vents and make sure they aren't blocked and to test their smoke detectors.

There will be no early voting for the city council election. One must get a request form from City Hall to mail in if one wants to receive an absentee ballot. This has to be done by Oct. 22nd.

On Oct. 19th from 9-noon, there will be a Board of Education Candidates Forum at the 50+ Center. The cost is \$15 and includes breakfast.

There will be a Town of Ocean City Candidates forum on Oct. 16th at the Carousel Hotel from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

50/50: The winner received \$49.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge
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