

AARP CHAPTER 1917
General Membership Minutes
January 11, 2018

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Heather White from the Office of the Fire Marshall.

Ms. White outlined the everyday hazards that we face in our home such as distractions while cooking, using space heaters incorrectly, not inspecting chimneys, and not having updated carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors.

Treasury: The Treasury report was given by Sandy Kvech. Balances as of 12/31/17 are as follows: **General Funds - \$9,315.16; Scholarship - \$673.00; Health Fair - \$4,124.81.**

Sandy also provided an update on the Holiday Cabaret: 117 tickets were sold; the Travel Committee provided \$900 for the entertainment, and the Chapter subsidy was \$1,658.00. Special thanks to Sharon Craven who took pictures at the event.

Travel: Sandy also provided travel updates:

Iceland - can still sign up, dates 2/18-2/23; cost \$1,649 per person

Joey Vincent show and Casino – date 3/5; cost \$60 per person

Military Tatoo of Virginia – dates 4/29-5/2; cost \$569 per person

Rails and Paddlewheels of PA – date 5/23; cost \$115 per person; to date 60 people have signed up; limit is 54. Bus will leave at 5:30 AM

National Parks Tour - cancelled due to scheduling problems

Hudson River Valley Trip - dates 10/16-10/18 info to follows

A “Christmas Carol” at the Dutch Apple Theater – 11/17; info to follow

Reminder that non-members will be charged a \$7 surcharge. Seat assignments are made by order of payment.

Today’s Lunch Bunch will be at the Greene Turtle. Cost is \$15. February’s lunch will be at Just Hooked in Fenwick Island and will be \$17 per person.

Membership: Andrea reports that we currently have 156 paid members. Our target is 250. We have 27 new members.

WorCOA news: Scott Fowler with the County's Office of Aging, updated activities within the Senior Center:

- Thanks to everyone that participated in the Christmas Parade
- St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 17) if you participate you will receive lunch from the Greene Turtle
- The Center has noted an increase in pool and would consider sponsoring a pool tournament
- The Jazz Festival is tentatively set for the first Monday in April (April 6). The time will be from 5-7 PM and will be held at the Center. Entertainment will be by Britt and Little (Jazz music). Tickets will be on sale at the Center and will be about \$15 per person.

Scholarship: Mary Jo has tickets for the Carrabba's luncheon on 2/24 from 12-3:30 PM. Price is \$15 per person. The menu is the same as previous years. Tickets are on sale today, at the February meeting and at the door.

In addition, tickets for a raffle for \$400 in dental work by Dr. Eschenburg on Coastal Highway in Ocean City. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be held in March. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Committee.

President's Notes:

- Next month's speaker will be from Shepherd's Crook, which was a special charity to John Bloecher. We will take up collections in March.
- We will again hold a free luncheon for members in June. Details are still being worked out. If you have any suggestions please see a Board member.
- Michelle says that some newsletters via e-mail are being kicked back so if you have an updated email address please see Michelle.

Old Business: No report

New Business: No report

50/50 in the amount of \$32 was won by Frank Hoover

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary, AARP Chapter 1917.