

## AARP CHAPTER 1917

### General Membership Meeting

November 10, 2016

As people entered the meeting room they were checked in and validated as being a member in good standing and given a ballot to vote for the President of the Chapter. The ballots were collected prior to the beginning of the meeting. Once the meeting began, the balloting was closed.

The meeting was called to order at 10: AM by President John Bloecher who also led us in the pledge to the flag.

At this time the nominating committee Chair John Lucas and three volunteers retired to a private area to count the votes.

John then introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Renee S. Fredericksen, Executive Council Member of National AARP. She spoke about seniors having a care giver. The Maryland Care Act helps family caregivers when their loved ones are admitted to the hospital and as they transition home. AARP fought for this new law because supporting caregivers is a top priority for all of us. She also spoke about legislative priorities and consumer and personal rights.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Treasures Report: In Bill Shoop's absence, Sandy Kvech gave the report for him. The balance in the account is \$12,412.59. A motion was made by John Lucas and seconded by Charlie Herbert to accept the report. The motion was carried.

Travel/Holiday Party: Sandy reported that the two trips to WV were well received and went well.

The Murder Mystery Dinner will be held on 15 November with open seating.

Trip to Philadelphia PA is on 6 December and participants were reminded to get their parking passes.

Trips for 2017 were announced: Joey and Gina's Italian Wedding in February at Dunes Manor. Cost \$59.00 which was payable today. Hillwood Estate Washington D.C. on 26 April. Cost \$85.00. Money due by 9 March. Alaska Cruise Cost \$600.00 deposit due by 12 November. 1-5 October Trip to New England – Rails and Sails Cost \$675.00. \$100 .00 deposit due by 9 March, final payment due 8 June. The holiday party is 8 December at the Dunes and today is the last day to purchase tickets. Cost \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Bob's lunch bunch will be dining at the Pit and Pub today. Cost is \$12.00.

Mac Center News: Charlie Herbert announced that plans are underway to have more activities at the Center to include a mid week bingo, movie matinee, and several other things.

Membership: Andrea Albrecht said that we have 154 paid members with 29 new members.

Scholarship: John Lucas has been helping with scholarship since Norma's resignation as Chairman. Along with his wife, Paulette they spoke with the manager at Carabba's reference a fund raiser similar to the one we had there last year. The date has been set for Saturday 25 February from 12-2:30 PM. More information on this will follow after the first of the year.

At this time the nominating chairman, John Lucas announced that the votes had been counted and Bob McCluskey was elected as the President of AARP Chapter 1917. **Sandy Kvech was elected as Treasurer.** John Bloecher will continue to serve on the Board. All officers and board members – **current and newly elected** will be sworn in at the December 8 holiday party.

Old Business: John Bloecher asked for anyone who was interested in volunteering to help with taxes this year to submit their names.

New Business: Announcement was made by Charlie Herbert that there would be a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Ocean Pines on Friday at 11: AM and another one at the American Legion here in Ocean City at 1:30 PM.

Good of the Order: Charlie Herbert spoke about long time member Roger Wilbrandt who has passed away this past week.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$54.00 was won by Dick Collins.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:55 AM

Respectfully submitted

Sue Harting, Acting Secretary, AARP 1917