AARP CHAPTER 1917 General Meeting Minutes October 12, 2017

President Bob McCluskey opened the meeting at 10 AM and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then introduced us to our guest speaker, Delegate May Beth Carozza, who has served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2014. She grew up in Ocean City and her focus is to make sure that the Shore gets its fair share and she also works to focus on senior issues. She is a supporter of the Hometown Heroes Act. She is well known for her constituent accessibility and is currently working on two major issues in the area: lighting in the senior center parking lot and a traffic light at a dangerous intersection along Route 50.

We also welcomed Scott Fowler, a WorCOA representative who brought us up to date on some holiday events. On December 2 the Ocean City Christmas Parade will be held and the senior centers are looking for some volunteers. There will be a few agency vehicles available for anyone wishing to be part of the parade. At the Center, there will be a contest for the ugliest Christmas outfit and some freebies from Panera Bread. On Friday 12/8 Chef Faust will oversee a buffet dinner at the Senior Center for a cost of \$10 per person. It will be open to AARP and Senior Center members . The time is 6-8 PM.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> The Treasurer's report was given by Sandy Kvech. Balances as of 9/30/2017 are as follows: **General Funds - \$10,515.60; Scholarship - \$673.00; Health Fair - \$4124.70..**

Sandy also provided an update on travel opportunities. On 10/8 "Funny Girl" will be performed at the Candlelight Dinner Theater. Buses will leave at 8:30 AM; 11/29 the Ovation Group will perform "Dial S for Santa" at the Princess Royale. The Iceland trip is scheduled for 2/18-2/23 at a cost of \$1719 per person. A valid passport is required. Group transportation will not be provided. On 3/5/18 there will be a trip to Sugar Hill Casino in Pennsylvania. The trip will include \$20 in free play and tickets to Joey Vincent. Lunch will be on your own.

In April there will be a trip to see the military tattoo and drill teams. In May a one day trip is scheduled to the Susquehanna Valley for an 11 mile train trip and a cruise. In the fall, plans are being made for a Hudson River Valley trip and in November 2018 a trip is being set up to see "A Christmas Carol" at the Dutch Apple Theater. Please see the travel table for more information

The Lunch Bunch will go to Horizons at the Clarion today and to Harpoon Hanna's in November. Please see Ron Apperson to sign up.

Holiday Party: Our holiday party will be held on December 14. The cost is \$28 (members) and includes a plated lunch. Money will be collected until 11/9. The theme is "Yule be Swingin" and is a holiday cabaret. If you want to be seated with a particular person, please .contact Sandy. After asking for a volunteer to be Santa Charlie Herbert volunteered. If anyone would like to donate a gift card to be used as a door prize, please see Sandy.

<u>Membership:</u> Please renew your membership as soon as possible and remember to update your senior center card.

<u>Food Drive:</u> John wants to remind everyone to bring food for a food drive for Shepherd's Crook. Also help is always needed for taxes.

Old Business: The turnout for the movie "Victoria and Abdul" was good.

New Business: Nothing to report

50/50 in the amount of \$59 was won by Joyce Balderson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi McCluskey, Secretary AARP Chapter 1917