

**AARP CHAPTER 1917**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**January 12, 2017**

President Bob McCluskey called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our scheduled speaker, Joe Mitrecic, County Commissioner, had to cancel due to a weather-related accident. Bob gave best wishes to the Mitrecic family on behalf of AARP.

We are reminded that if Worcester County schools are closed, our meetings are cancelled.

There has been a change to our Board. Charlie Herbert has resigned as Vice-President due to a conflict in his schedule. By a Board vote, John Bloecher is the new Vice-President. We now have one Board opening which can be filled although it is not mandatory. If anyone is interested please speak with a Board member.

Bob then recognized the Board members and those who chair the various committees or hold special responsibilities. These members can be found on our website or in our newsletter.

**HELP WANTED!!!**

- John Bloecher requests some new volunteers for the tax program. There will be training sessions for new volunteers.
- Helen Norris needs helpers for the Health Fair.
- Jeff McArthur needs helpers for the clean-up crew after the meeting.
- Bob will continue to do the lunch bunch until someone volunteers.

At this point, a motion was made by Norma Bull to accept the November meeting minutes, seconded by Frank Hoover. Motion approved. There was no general membership meeting held in December due to the Christmas party.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Shoop. Balances as of 12/31/16 are as follows: **General Funds - \$10,257.64; Scholarship Fund - \$734.00 (included in General Funds); Health Fair - \$3,359.04.**

**NOTE: Scholarship funds in the amount of \$500 will be disbursed when the paperwork is received.**

**Travel:** Sandy provided an overview of 2017 travel opportunities. Please check the website, AARP1917.org, for more information on trips or visit the travel table.

This month the lunch bunch will travel to the Crabcake Factory at 120<sup>th</sup> street, Bayside. Michelle will collect the money. In February, we will go to BJ's on 75<sup>th</sup> Street. The cost will be \$15.50. When you sign-up please make sure to fill out the menu selection on the front as this order must be called in prior to the luncheon.

At the 2016 Holiday Extravaganza, Barbara Kemp was the BIG winner of \$175.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Congratulations! The party was subsidized by the Travel committee. Sandy is looking for ideas and volunteers for the 2017 event.

**Membership:** After your sign-in, please remember to swipe your card at the computer. Fifty-three members are present today.

**Scholarship:** Mary Jo Breslin has accepted the position of scholarship committee chair. John and Paulette Lucas are heading up the scholarship luncheon at Carrabba's. The cost is \$15 per person which includes a three course meal, beverage, tax and tip. All funds will go to the scholarship fund. The event is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-2:30.

**New Business:**

- Bob reminded us that one of our main purposes is to be a social outlet for activities in our area. Every month we invite members that would like to promote an event to do so at the meeting.
- The MAC Center will be having Ta-Chi classes starting on January 19 from 1:30-2:30. The cost is \$3.00 per session. On Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> the center will host a noon movie, **The Life of Pi**. On February 1 there will be a Bingo from 12-3. Cards are \$4 each or 4 for \$10. Please call Anne Toney.
- There will be a blood drive on behalf of the Blood Bank on January 18<sup>th</sup>

- An AARP Legislative Forum trip will go to Annapolis on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave at 5:30 AM from the Ocean Pines Library. Please e-mail John Bloecher if interested.
- Next month our guest speaker will be from Diakonia who will tell us about their services and their needs. For the following two months we will accept donations and then deliver them in April. If anyone has a name/number for a charitable organization please bring it to the Board.
- Ron Apperson has volunteered to be the new lunch bunch chairperson.
- There are some membership cards at the sign-in table to be picked up.

The 50/50 in the amount of \$33.00 was won by Norma Bull.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Shoop, seconded by Donna Reid. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

DebiMcCluskey,  
Secretary AARP Chapter 1917