

AARP Chapter 1917
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

The general membership meeting of the AARP Chapter 1917 was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:00 A.M. This meeting took place at the American Legion due to BikeFest's use of the Convention Center parking lot.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob who asked those present to remember all those who lost their lives in the 9/11 disaster.

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

Bob introduced Karen Holstein and Amy Feger from Care Patrol who gave their detailed talk on Senior Living Options. They left flyers on the table for anyone to take. They will also be giving next month's program on Normal Aging vs Dementia.

Treasurer's Report: In Sandy's absence, she had informed Bob that the Treasury is in good financial shape.

Travel: Fran Smith said that there will be a meeting on Sept. 17th at 2:00 P.M. at the Senior Center for all those going on the Northeast/ Canada trip and you should bring your passport if you have not already done that in the past.

There are fliers on the table regarding the New York trip on November 20-21st. The Gaylord National Resort will be on December 16-17th and there are flyers on that. Our Christmas Party will be on December 11th at the Ocean City Golf Club from Noon to 4:00 P.M. Registration forms are attached to the flier on the table.

Fran is working on a possible cruise to the Greek Isles.

Bob took the opportunity to thank Fran for the excellent job that she and her committee did on planning the Gala/50th anniversary party that we had in June.

Membership Dues: Bob encouraged members to pay dues early even though they aren't due until December, when the lines will be longer to do so. If you are a new member, you are getting the rest of the year free, so it is a good deal. Andrea Albrecht was accepting the dues and giving out coupons for 10% off to the Fenwick Inn's restaurant (Vista Rooftop) to those paying their dues.

Larry Yates, who is running for City Council explained the voting requirements for this election and said early voting cannot be done, one can only vote on election day itself, which will be on November 8th.

Bob explained that Flu shots will be available at the October meeting. They will be given by Coastal Drugs. If you have requests for other shots to be made available, you must fill out the forms given out and Coastal Drugs will try to have them available also. Tish collected these forms.

Elections /Nominations: Bob Introduced John (Jack) Boehman as a newly elected Board Member. The Chapter will now have 9 members on the Board, which was desired. Three members are up for reelection and they are Jack Boehman, Tish Michel and Bob McCluskey. All three are willing to continue to serve, but anyone can be nominated from the members. The only requirement is that they are a member in good standing. To nominate a person for President however, they must have served on the Board for at least 1 year before they can be nominated for that position.

The next Membership meeting will be at the 50Plus Center on October 9th.

Hospitality: Since Donna Reid was absent, Tish Michel passed out a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring snacks to the October 9th meeting, which was done.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon Craven was absent but it was reported that a card went out to Betty Feehley who is now home recuperating.

Bob had two discount offers from Healing Hands Chiropractic Services for any member wanting one and more could possibly be requested if needed.

Community Activities: The Democratic Central Committee will have a forum open to any candidate running for office on Oct. 19th at the 50Plus Center and there will be a pancake breakfast for \$15 a person.

50/50: The winner received \$38.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 and the members who signed up for lunch stayed.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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