AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES for October 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There were 57 attendees including 4 new members.

Sunshine chair Anne Cooley said there were no reported illnesses.

Chris congratulated Bill and Sue Shoop on their 49th wedding anniversary and Vange (Watts) St. Andre on her marriage.

Elections committee chair Sandy Kvech announced the slate and asked for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the Secretary was asked to cast a vote for the entire slate. Officers elected were: Chris Norris, President (3yrs.), Sue Harting, VP (3 yrs.), Bill Shoop, Treasurer (3 yrs.), Andrea Albrecht, Secretary (3 yrs.). Board members elected were: John Bloecher (3 yrs.), Norma Bull (3yrs.), Garry Fox (3yrs.), John Lucas (3yrs.), Jeff McArthur (3yrs.), Sandy Kvech (2yrs.), Bob McCluskey (2 yrs.), Alcea Sprung (1 yr.).

Our speaker was Carol Moore, MS, RNC, who gave an uplifting and witty talk on the positive advantages of using humor to reduce and eliminate stress in your life. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her presentation.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bill Shoop. Balances ending for September are: General Fund –\$11,659.80; Health Fair - \$1,467.82, Travel - \$20,245.44. Bill noted that there are outstanding balances to be paid for upcoming trips. A motion was made and approved by all to accept the report.

Travel chair Sandy Kvech reported that Joyce Balderson and Betty Feehley have joined the Travel Committee. Sandy and Bob McCluskey detailed pending trips and the tentative schedule through 2014. Sandy also noted that February 24 will be the next AARP Safe Driver course.

President Chris (1)Announced future speakers: November – There will be a special presentation on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (aka "Obama care") as sponsored by Maryland AARP, our chapter, and the Ocean Pines chapter. Seating capacity is limited to 200 people and all must call 877-926-8300 to register to attend this event. This presentation is in lieu of the November general meeting; December –Our meeting will include a holiday celebration (the anticipated entertainment will be unable to attend); January - Chris Bitters, GM of the Delmarva Shorebirds; February – Margaret Muldrun from Taylor Bank and police officials will discuss elder financial abuse; March – Claude Lewis from Home Instead Health Care, Berlin. (2)The date for the 2014 Health Fair is set for May 6. (3) Recognized the 4 new members.

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- (1) Sue Harting reminded all that October is breast cancer awareness month.
- (2) Mary Knight announced the OC license plate ride on the Boardwalk is October 19 and that are lots of activities in OC this month; check the website.
- (3) Andrea Albrecht congratulated Chris Norris for winning the MD AARP award for volunteer of the year.
- (4) Birthdays for October were celebrated.

50/50 won by Gerry Moler \$38 to her, \$38 to the chapter.

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

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Albrecht, Recording Secretary