

AARP CHAPTER 1917      GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:05AM. There were \_\_\_\_\_ people in attendance.

Our speaker, Joe Stetka is an associate scout for the Baltimore Orioles. Joe has scouted amateur players for the past five years and relayed many historical and funny events in Oriole history.

Suzanne Murray from the Delmarva Blood Bank encouraged participation in the upcoming, January 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> blood drive. Blood Bank membership information would be available through Alcea Sprung.

Chris Norris introduced all current officers and board members.

**Treasurer's Report.** Bill Shoop stated balances as of 12/31/2011 were: General Fund \$12,223; Health Fair \$372.90; Holiday Luncheon \$.84 indicating a break even event; Travel \$1,928. The 2012 proposed budget based on 200 members is \$13,223 income; \$2,980 expenses, leaving a year end balance of \$10,243 in the general fund. Gertie Apple motioned to approve the budget, seconded by Alcea Sprung and approved by all.

**Secretary** Andrea Albrecht read the minutes from November 10, 2011 and there were no corrections. Andrea said a thank you note was received from the Worcester County Humane Society for our \$100 donation.

**President's Report.** Chris announced that the dues would be kept at \$5. The 50/50 raffle will help offset expenses. Members must renew their dues within three months or be cut off from receiving the newsletter. We can use the meeting space at the Elks Lodge from 9AM until noon and meeting will be held here for the balance of 2012. Gertie Apple will be responsible for the Sunshine remembrances for 2012 in addition to heading up a new phone calling systems to members without e-mail.

**Travel.** Alcea has prepared a questionnaire regarding travel preferences and asked all to complete this. Reservations are being taken for the March 28 Cherry Blossom cruise. An April trip to Las Vegas is being arranged by Travel by Design. The representative, Cookie Brightenbach, described the trip along with a cruise to Bermuda in May. Alcea said that day trips were available from Blondie's.

**Scholarship.** Norma Bull said she would be representing our chapter on an upcoming WMDT TV show. Bill Shoop reported that our recipient has a 3.5 GPA and her second \$500 will be sent.

**New Business.**

Chris requested a volunteer to become Historian. He asked members to consider keeping the Holiday Luncheon and Fall Fest as is, eliminate both, or one. Several members spoke in favor of the Fall Fest concept. The Board will now take under consideration. Upcoming speakers will be from a winery in April, from a ponds and landscaping company in May, and a discussion of automechanics in June. Garry Fox announced a new sign in process beginning with the February meeting. He also reminded members to bring to bring along friends. Bill Shoop said that AARP tax preparation for simple returns would be available at Ocean Pines Library, St. Peters Lutheran Church and the OC Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Sue Hart won the 50/50 - \$34 for her and \$34 for the chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Albrecht,  
Recording Secretary