

AARP Chapter 1917
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:00 a.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Blob McCluskey, Mary Jo Breslin, Sandy Kvech, Donna Reid, Tish Michel, Jack Boehmer and Margaret DeGeorge.

Board members absent: Charlie Herbert and John Lucas.

Speaker: Mr. Jeff Kukel, AGH Pharmacy Director came again due to popular demand and he focused on Medicare Drug Plans this time. There were many questions from the audience as was true when he came the last time.

Treasury: Sandy Kvech gave her Treasury report which is attached to the Board Minutes on October 1st in the binder. There were no questions from the audience and Sandy stated that the chapter is in good shape financially.

Travel and Xmas party: In Fran Smith's absence, Sandy Kvech went over all the upcoming trips that were on the list and a copy of this list is attached to the minutes of the Board Meeting on October 1st in the binder. In April, the Train Ride in West Virginia was determined to be too expensive, so Fran is now looking into a Train Ride in Bethlehem, Pa. As more details on all upcoming trips become available, flyers will be printed giving all the details. Fran and the volunteers on the Travel Committee are working hard to get these details solidified as soon as possible.

The flyers for the Xmas party are available and the Chapter is paying for the use of the Elks Lodge and the Travel Committee is paying for the entertainment, which subsidies contribute to the low cost of attending. The doors will open at 12 noon but the party will start at 12:30.

Elections: In John Lucas' absence, Bob gave his report. There are 3 positions to be filled: John Lucas and he will run again; Sandy Kvech and she will run again and Charlie Herbert, who is Vice-President, will not run again. Mary Jo Breslin agreed to run for Vice-President and since she is already a board member, a person is needed to run for Mary Jo's position, which has 1 year remaining to fulfill, and an active member named Anne Giannelli volunteered to run for Mary Jo's position. Since there were no other volunteers for any of the three positions, there is no need to have a ballot for the election at the next Membership meeting on November 12th.

Membership and Luncheons: Andrea Albrecht stated that if any member changes their email, they should contact her so that she can keep her current list of 200 members up to date. There are still some members that need to renew their Chapter dues, and they have until January 31st to do this.

Andrea would like the Lunch Bunch program to continue and asked for volunteers to handle it for 1 or more months and not for every month's membership meeting. She did get a number of volunteers for this smaller task and it seems that the Lunch Bunch may continue.

Clothing Drive: Tish was gratified with all the donations that piled up at her donation site in the room and thanked all who participated. She will have this outerwear clothing drive again at November's meeting.

President's Report: The Chapter will not sponsor flu shots this year due to a decline in numbers wanting them. However, Siggy plans to offer them on Monday, October 13th at the Senior Center. If interested, please see Siggy as forms have to be filled out first. The Chapter is in need of a new webmaster to replace Charlie Herbert, who has done it in the past. Jack Boehmer has volunteered for this position and he will be working with Charlie to learn all the details involved. The site's address is WWW.AARP1917.org
American Legion luncheon- The American Legion was a little disappointed that only 21 people purchased their lunch at our meeting held there on September 10th. Bob said that they do us a big service in letting us use their hall free of charge and maybe next time more members will avail themselves of their lunch, which he hears is pretty good. Bob reminded members to sign up on Donna Reid's list on the snack table to bring some snack items at one of the meetings.

Ms. Sunshine - Andrea Albrecht didn't have to send any cards to members facing hardships this month. She has birthday bags for anyone with an October birthday.
November's Guest Speaker- Ms. Tina Taylor, Manor House Senior Living Facility.

Community Activities - A few Members shared details of events in their communities.

Old/New Business: A member wanted to know if outerwear could be brought to the Senior Center anytime and Tish's answer was no, this was not a Senior Center project but the Chapter's project, but it will be held again at our next meeting in November. A member asked when would be the next shredding event and Bob answered that it is usually in May or June and the date is set by the State AARP, who pays for the truck that does the shredding and they have not set the date yet.

Jack Boehmer, who handled the 50/50 today said the winner got \$48.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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