

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There were 51 people in attendance.

Our speaker, Tim Gonzales of Delmarva Investment Services, gave an interesting and extensive overview of investment opportunities and risk levels and answered many questions from attendees.

Sunshine Lady Gertie Apple said there were no reports of member illnesses and to keep her posted on any occurrences.

Health Fair director, Dr. Melvin Freidman reported 20 vendor applications so far. The Health Fair is scheduled for May 9, 7am to noon.

Treasurer's Report. Bill Shoop reminded all of the free AARP tax preparation thru April 14. Bill reported that the annual report for the national AARP had been prepared and the balances as of January 31 were General Fund - \$11,325, Health Fair - \$366 and Travel - \$3699.

Communications director, Garry Fox, announced that the new chapter website aarp1917.org was up and running and includes all current calendar and travel information. Garry encouraged members without internet access to visit the site at the library.

Secretary Andrea Albrecht read the minutes from January 12, 2012; there were no corrections. Gertie Apple motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Alcea Sprung and approved by all.

Membership chair, Louise Fox, reported that paid membership was at 127 with 6 new members today.

Travel. Alcea reported the travel questionnaire results show that most want dinner theatre, Broadway shows and day trip events. She asked that those who had not completed a questionnaire to please do so. Cherry Blossom Cruise tickets for March 28 are still available. Plans are underway for Medieval Times show, Lancaster dinner show, Foxwoods Casino, Suicide Bridge and Biltmore. The committee is considering plans for Atlantic City, Gettysburg and New York City. A 2013 Alaska trip is being considered and may be combined with another chapter. Delaware AARP Chapter trip information is at the Travel table.

Alcea also announced that Blood Bank dues may be paid through her.

.President's Report. Chris announced that the actual discounts for seniors list should be double checked before use. The Board has decided to discontinue the Holiday Luncheon and has cancelled the date at the Clarion. Members commented that they preferred the Fall Fest concept. An event combining the concept of the Fall Fest and Holiday luncheon will be planned for the fall. Chris introduced the new members.

Good of the Order. Mary Knight announced a presentation on the OC Police Dept. use of Tasers at Northside Park today at noon. Nancy Howard announced that a dinner remembering the Nor'easter of 1962 was planned for March 7 at the Convention Center. Proceeds would go to the Ocean City Museum.

50/50 won by Abby Nichols - \$35 to Abby, \$35 to the Chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary