

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES for September 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM. There were 72 attendees including 2 new members and 1 returning member.

Nominating committee chair Sandy Kvech announced the slate which includes all Board members returning. Frank Hoover will become an Emeritus Board member, leaving an opening for the Board. Sandy asked that those wishing to run to contact her. Due to the special presentation at the November meeting, elections will be held in October. Full bios can be found on the website.

Sunshine chair Anne Cooley said that well wishes were sent to Sonny Hoover and Norma Bull; anniversary to Mary Knight; sympathy to Dot Healy's family.

Chris recognized the visitors to the meeting.

Scholarship chair Norma Bull announced that Sydney Hudson was the recipient of our 2013 scholarship. She plans to go into medicine and is starting by attending WOR-WIC. Norma said that there would be no scholarship for 2014 unless funds are raised by 12/31/2013. Norma asked for a committee to determine fund raising opportunities for a 2015 scholarship.

Our speakers were Bridget Foster and Brandon Jones from the Salisbury Zoo. They brought along very interesting critters: a great horned owl, a chinchilla, a boa constrictor, and a sulcata tortoise – and nobody got hurt. The great horned owl also added his “who” cents. Some of the animals were rescued as discarded pets and we were reminded to do our homework in determining what kinds of pets to have. The Zoo is free and they are always looking for volunteers. They were presented with a certificate of appreciation for their presentation.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bill Shoop. Balances ending for August are: General Fund – \$11,266.54; Health Fair - \$1,467.83, Travel - \$19,946.62. 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. Sandy Kvech reported that the Annapolis trip is filled; 4 more people are need for the Williamsburg trip. The next Ocean Downs excursion is set for October 15. She presented an update travel schedule including a cruise from Baltimore. There is a presentation by Oasis Travel on October 1, 6-8pm at the Captain's Table and it will include this cruise.

President Chris. (1) A 2-year contract (2014-2015) has been signed with the KofC for meeting space. (2) Announced future speakers: October – Carol Moore, an RN from PRMC, on “Good Humor for Good Health”; 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; call 877-926-8300 to register to attend this event. This presentation is in lieu of the November general meeting; December – Salisbury A capella Choir will entertain at our meeting/holiday celebration; January - Chris Bitters, GM of the Delmarva Shorebirds; February – Margaret Muldrun and others to discuss elder financial abuse; March – Claude Lewis from Home Instead Health Care, Berlin. (3) The date for the 2014 Health Fair is set for May 6.

Birthdays for September, July and August were celebrated.

Old Business

- (1) Sandy announced that the June Drivers Ed. course was a success and asked for those interested in another course to let her know.

Good of the Order

- (1) Phyllis Mosmiller announced the Senior Art exhibit at the MAC Center.
- (2) Ruth Murphy and the “bakers” were thanked for providing the refreshments.
- (3) Ruth Murphy asked that all who partake of the refreshments make a donation to cover the cost of coffee. She also asked for volunteers to provide October meeting refreshments.
- (4) Charlie Herbert said the AARP Tour of the Shore flyer was worth reading.
- (5) Roger Wildebrandt won a pair of ear plugs to better enjoy Biker Week.

50/50 won by Suzanne Lamont \$44 to her, \$44.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary