

AARP CHAPTER 1917 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES for September 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Norris at 10:00 AM.

Chris introduced visitors and conducted a remembrance of 9/11.

Treasurer's report presented by Bill Shoop: General Fund balance ending for August: General Fund –\$12,599.99 (including \$885.50 in the Scholarship Fund escrow); Health Fair - \$2,140.52. Motion to accept by Frank Hoover, second by John Bloecher and unanimously approved.

Travel chair Sandy Kvech reviewed the travel schedule. New Orleans/Memphis will be cancelled – 6 people short. Noted that the Polish Club has some openings for Nashville. All fall 2014 trips are filled. A new trip has been added for 2104 to Allenberry Playhouse. Ireland has been added to the 2015 schedule. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

Mayor Rick Meehan came to welcome all.

Speaker Rebecca Hudson, Director of Outreach and Social Media, NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Chincoteague presented many interesting details about the Wallops facility: covers 6,000 acres, launch pads are on the beach, has \$396M impact on the local economy, orbital launches take all sorts of supplies to the International Space Station. NASA is known for suborbital research tests and studies for commercial products. It launches balloons, drones and uses helicopters. Next orbital launch is scheduled for October 14, 12:10 am. Ocean City is in process of developing a viewing location. Launches can also be seen at NASA.gov/Wallops. They conduct tours for groups only, not individuals.

40th Anniversary Party chair Sandy Kvech said that tickets will be available through the October general meeting.

Lunch Bunch chair Bob McCluskey said they will resume in October at Grottos Pizza.

President Chris (1) Announced the upcoming speakers: October – Bunk Mann and his new book *Vanishing Ocean City*. Books will be available at \$49.95; January – sports figure from Boston Red Sox; February – financial planner; March – OC Brewery; April – K9's; May – an author. (2) Handed out 3x5 cards for audience submission of questions for the upcoming Forums: Oct. 8 District 38 Senatorial Candidates and Oct. 14 Ocean City Candidates. Both Forums will be held at the OC Senior Center, 5pm – 7pm, registered voters only.

Nominating chair Sandy Kvech presented a slate for October elections: Debi McCluskey – Secretary, Alcea Spring – Board. There is another opening for the Board and there can be nominations from the floor in October. There are many volunteer positions open as Andrea Albrecht, Garry and Louise Fox are relinquishing their current positions.

Good of the Order:

1. Frank and Sonny Hoover's 60th wedding anniversary was applauded.
2. Volunteers were requested to bring refreshments. Norma Bull is handling as Helen Norris is recovering from an illness.
3. John Bloecher requested volunteers for AARP Tax Aide. Training is provided.

Frank Hoover presented cupcakes to the September **birthday** folks.

50/50 won by Ray Jackson, \$47 to him, \$47 to the chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Albrecht,
Recording Secretary