

AARP Chapter 1917
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Bob McCluskey, Charlie Herbert, Margaret DeGeorge, Jack Boehmer, Mary Jo Breslin, John Lucas, Sandy Kvech and Donna Reid

Members absent: Tish Michel

Speaker: A presentation was given about something called a “Super Patch” that was touted as something that takes away all your pain, gives you energy, makes you sure-footed, burns calories while you sleep, etc. etc.

Treasury: Due to prior membership meetings being canceled, Sandy Kvech gave her report for November, December, January, and February. Everything is in order as usual.

Travel: Fran Smith went over all the upcoming trips. Flyers giving the details are with these minutes in the binder. The deadline for the sign-ups for the Virginia Tattoo is today. Bob mentioned that not only does Fran do an excellent job on planning trips, she also chaired the 50th Gala and the Christmas party. Fran pointed out a poster she brought naming all the organizations that generously gave their support to these events. Fran named and praised all those on her committee. She is losing 3 members on her Travel committee but she got some volunteers at the meeting to replace them and said anyone is welcome to join her Travel committee.

Membership and Luncheon : Andrea Albrecht suggested that members could speak to their friends and neighbors and encourage them to join the chapter. The luncheon today will be at “Liquid Assets” and April’s will be at “Sophia’s”.

MoTown Performance: Jack Boehmer has been making an effort to book “The Shadows of the 60ties” group for a performance at the Convention Center during the week of Martin Luther King’s birthday, 2026. It will be sponsored by Tom Perlozzo, Director of Tourism and Development, but our chapter will share in the monies collected for tickets. Jack will keep Charlie Herbert informed with all the facts and it will then be on the Web site.

Health Fair: Dates- April 15, set-up 8:00-4:00; April 16, Fair 8:00-12:00. Volunteers can sign up on a sheet that Mary Jo has at the membership desk.

President's Report: The 50 plus center will be undergoing a renovation that may affect the membership meeting on April 9th. Efforts are being made to locate another location with no success as of yet. You will be kept informed.

Tax Dates and locations: Beginning now through April 15th, the O.C. Library will have the Tax preparers on Saturdays; Ocean Pines Library will be on Mondays and the Berlin Library will be on Tuesdays. You will need photo I.D., Bank account information (as refunds will be mailed there); your tax papers and an intake sheet, which can be found at the libraries participating in the tax preparation event. The number to call for any questions or to make your appointment is: 443-584-5661. Appointments are necessary.

Sound System: The chapter has contributed to the fund to have the sound system at this 50 Plus center replaced. Siggy is in the process of working out all the details and will keep us informed.

Ms. Sunshine: Bob presented a gift to Sharon Craven to thank her for all she does in sending out get-well and condolence cards and providing gifts for any member having a birthday in the month of the meeting.

Hospitality: Donna Reid said there will be no snack table for the meeting in April since we do not know where it will be.

Debra Heft was given permission to sell tickets to a bingo fundraiser for Diakonia from a table in the hallway during this meeting. This was not necessary as it has been sold out.

April Guest Speaker: Dr. Marye Kellermann, AARP Livable Communities initiative, which is not just for Seniors, but anyone in need.

Standing Rules revision: The standing rules of this chapter state that when schools are closed, the Chapter meeting will be canceled. We are now dealing with "remote learning" and it was proposed that this will still mean that the schools are closed, thus the Chapter meeting will be canceled. The proposal was voted on by the members and everyone voted yes. An addendum will be added to the Standing Rules. If schools are delayed 1-2 hours, this does not affect our meetings. The 50 plus center is still awaiting notification as to what their rules will be.

Community Activities: members presented details about special events that their organizations were having. One that involved everyone in Ocean City was that there was going to be a Spring Clean-up with free bulk pick up on March 29th from 7-12.

Old/New Business: Fran stated that she was not successful in finding a place to have the meet-up for members attending the St. Patrick's Day parade.

50/50: Charlie Herbert stated that the winner would get \$43.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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