AARP Chapter 1917 Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 14, 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: Bob McCluskey, Charley Herbert, Margaret DeGeorge, John

Lucas, Sandy Kvech, Donna Reid, Tish Michel and Jack Boehmer.

Board Members absent: Mary Jo Breslin

Speaker: Bob introduced Mr. Jeff Kukel, AGH RX RediScripts Pharmacy Director and he presented a list of possible ways to lower your prescription drug costs. He was very informative and generated many questions and comments from the membership and on completion of his presentation got an enthusiastic response from the members and praise on the thoroughness of his talk.

Treasury: Sandy Kvech gave her treasurer's report and said that we are a financially healthy chapter. A written copy of her report is with the May 7th Board meeting minutes in the folder.

Travel: Fran Smith went over all the trips and their deadlines for final payments. Flyers giving all the details are with these minutes in the folder. The Tropicana trip sold out in 4 days but you can still get on the waiting list and she encouraged people to do this as it is always possible that it will work out for you. She and her committee are starting to put things together for the Xmas party and details will be forthcoming. Fran is in need of more volunteers for her Travel Committee and this would involve planning and executing future trips and attending meetings 4X a year.

June Luncheon: Bob explained that we did not have this luncheon last year due to having the 50th gala but we will have it at the June 11th Membership meeting this year. It is open to members only and people are encouraged to sign the volunteer list for side dishes or desert and also sign the list for attendees. Dona requested that food donations be brought in disposable dishes and serving utensils as she has a hard time reuniting dishes with their owners.

President's Report: Bob thanked Tish Michel for her work in getting volunteers for the Health Fair and we actually had more than needed which is always better than not having enough.

Shredding event: This will be on June 17th at the Ocean Pines Library from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. and canned food donations are requested.

September 10th meeting: this will be held at the American Legion Post and a luncheon will be available for any member who wants it and the price and selections will soon be provided by the Legion. The change of location for the meeting is necessary due to the Bikers event and their use of the Convention Center parking lot.

Livable Communities: Members are asked for their input to make this a Livable Community and also to urge City Hall to support this program. The State and Federal AARP is committed to the program

New speaker system: It has arrived but Siggy is not here today to show us how to use it, but this will take place soon. The chapter contributed money towards this purchase. Chip has left his job at this 50 Plus center and he will be missed.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon Craven reported that a card was sent out to Darlene Prejean, who lost her sister. Darlene was present and thanked the chapter. Anyone who has a Birthday in May should see Sharon for their goodie bag.

June guest speaker: Ms. Rupali Dewan Tetrick will be talking about a special phone that will have a window where all the speaker's words will be printed out. This will be especially helpful when an American company outsources its information to a foreign country and that is who you are trying to communicate with.

Community Activities: Sundays in the Park at Northside Park will start this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and it will be a Neil Diamond tribute.

Old/New Business: none

50/50: Charlie Herbert reported that the winner will get \$47

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary AARP Chapter 1917