

**AARP Chapter 1917
Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McCluskey at 10:02 a.m. and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Bob McCluskey, Charlie Herbert, Margaret DeGeorge, Mary Jo Breslin, Donna Reid, John Lucas and Tish Michel.

Board members absent: Jack Boehmer and Sandy Kvech.

Bob announced that the Travel table will be closed during the meetings to cut down on the noise. It will be opened before and after the meetings.

Speaker: Ms. Tina Taylor spoke about the Manor House, which is a continuing care retirement facility located in Seaford, Delaware. She also brought four people that are presently living at Manor House and they shared how wonderful the place is. There were many questions from the audience and she said she will still be here at the meeting's close, to answer any more questions and she had many hand-outs to further introduce Manor House to anyone interested.

Bob took this opportunity to thank Charlie Herbert for his many years of serving this chapter in so many ways. Charlie got a round of applause from the members recognizing all that he has done for this chapter.

Membership and Luncheons: Andrea Albrecht said that members are continuing to renew their membership. She is still in need of volunteers to handle one or more of the Lunch Bunch restaurant outings after the meetings. She strongly supports this program which has a substantial following and thinks it would be a shame for it to be canceled. She does have some volunteers, but she needs more.

If any one is a member of any group that has a bulletin board, would they please get a flyer from her that can be posted there introducing them to AARP Chapter 1917.

Treasury: Sandy Kvech is absent due to her husband's illness, so there was no report, however, Sandy's treasury report was distributed at the previous Board meeting and it is in the binder.

Travel and Xmas: Fran Smith presented all the trips that are coming up and there is a flyer on each one. These flyers are with these minutes in the binder. A Shore Birds game is being planned, but school buses will be used for the transportation. They are uncomfortable, but the savings will make it very affordable and she recommends bringing a pillow to sit on. She will need some feedback from members interested in this trip and would they still attend if these buses are used. The fees for private buses has greatly increased and makes the cost of day trips out of reach for many of the members.

Elections: John Lucas announced that he and Sandy Kvech are up for reelection and each has said they are willing to continue to serve. Charlie Herbert is not running again and Mary Jo Breslin, who is already a Board member, has agreed to take his Vice-President's position. Anne Giannelli, an active member, agreed to serve the remaining one year left on Mary Jo's current position. Since they all remained unchallenged, Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary cast her vote that all the people running be elected. The election is closed.

Clothing Drive: Tish thanked all the members who so generously brought in winter outer garments. Today is the last day for this clothing drive and many more bags have been donated. Tish will need help in delivering these to the charities that specialize in this sort of clothing. The clothing drive is over and it was a huge success due to Tish initiating and managing it. She was thanked by Bob.

President's Report: Bob spoke of last month's speaker. Mr. Jeff Kukel, AGH Pharmacy Director who offered to help members choose their Health Care Provider during the open-enrollment period. A hand-out that was presented which must be filled out first in order for him to do that. Tish said that she has completed the process with Mr. Kukel, but there may be a delay in processing it, due to the Government shut down.

There will be no member meeting of AARP in December as the Xmas party will take its place. Bob said that if schools are closed, or remote learning is announced, there will be no AARP meeting on that day. If schools are delayed, there will be an AARP meeting.

Shadows of the 60's: Jack Boehmer, a Board Member, has been instrumental in getting this group booked at the Performing Arts Center. The Chapter may get some remuneration on ticket sales, which money will be used for the Scholarship Fund. The performance will be on January 16th and tickets are \$45 to \$55 and can now be purchased at the Convention Center.

Website Revisions: there has been some revisions and if one wants to access the website it is: aarp1917.org. We may be in need of someone who is good with computers to help train someone to be a Webmaster or to be a Webmaster themselves.

Snack Table: Donna Reid is always in need of volunteers to supply snacks for these meetings and sometimes she has to make some calls when volunteers are scarce, so please sign up on the volunteers list which will be for January.

Ms. Sunshine: Sharon Craven had to send out some Sympathy and Get Well Cards this month. Whoever has a birthday in November should go to Sharon to receive their goodie bag.

January Guest Speaker: Ms. Mary Handley whose topic will be, Tax Tips and Scams.

Community Activities: Members shared information on various activities that they are familiar with.

Michelle Donovan said that there has been many more scams in the health related field that she has heard about.

Charlie Herbert announced that the American Legion is involved in a program that is getting stories from Veterans of their military experiences and it will be on tape. The person to call regarding this is Ed Pinto at 703-901-5544.

Old/New Business: nothing to report

50/50: The winner got \$48.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret DeGeorge, Secretary
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