

Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2019

Call to Order:

Walter Roog called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

Mary Ann Firgau, Linda Gabor, Byron Peterson, Barbara Piaty, Marilyn Plainer, Joan Platt, Vincent Ribeiro, Lucille Roog, Walter Roog, Charles Vollaro, Dot Ward, George Ward

Board Members Absent:

Judy Duva, Phyllis Kupec, Gertude Wilson

Guests Attending:

None

Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board Meeting have been posted to the Board Documents web page. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Membership Meeting have been posted to the Chapter Documents web page. There were no board or member meetings in December.

Printed copies of the November Board and Membership minutes were distributed at the meeting.

Treasurers Report: Charles Vollaro

Report for November and December 2018

Beginning Balance (as of 11/1/2018)	\$2,962.27
Income	\$419.00
Expenses	\$1,052.87
Ending Balance (as of 12/31/2018)	\$2,327.40

Committee Reports

Programs:

Walter will visit Phyllis Thursday or Friday to ask her about speakers. Lucille sent her a card from AARP.

January – Doreen is speaking on the Senior Center

February - ShopRite

March – We may get the son of the woman who did the Ukrainian eggs. If not we will need someone.

April – Pat Sweeney will speak on Frances Kellogg.

May - Dot said the potential speaker on the Hubbell telescope is thinking about it. He is well into his 90s and may be selling his home. If he is still here he will speak. If we don't have a speaker for March, Dot will see if he can speak in March instead of May. She also has a woman in Shelton who could speak on tick control and Lyme disease.

Luncheons:

For the December 2018 Holiday Luncheon, the Brownson Country Club only charged us for the number who attended. We had 38 sign up, 33 attended. Doreen Laucella and her husband did not attend.

Byron has tentatively reserved Brownson for Wednesday June 12, 2019 for the Installation Luncheon and Wednesday December 11, 2019 for the Holiday Luncheon. He will confirm when they return in February.

Membership: Vincent Ribeiro

Numbers as of the end of 2018:

- Total Members - 71
- Emeritus Members – 36
- Dues Paid – 35

Discussed contacting Emeritus members by phone.

- Make it an outreach effort, express concern for them. We want to be inclusive vs. exclusive.
- Don't make it about the money at the expense of the relationship.
- Have talking points, for example:
 - Are they still national members?
 - Are they interested in remaining chapter members?
 - We now meet at the Shelton Senior Center. .
 - There is bus service to and from the Senior Center
- Put together an informational letter.
- Make the phone call first, send the letter after. Don't need to call those who already come to meetings.
- Vincent asked for volunteers to make calls. Dot and Walter volunteered.
- Vincent will work with Byron to write up talking points.

Getting new members.

- Reestablish contact with previous members. Dot has membership records going back to at least 1989.
- Need to get more of the "younger" people. Some may still be working.
- Have evening meeting chaired by someone like Senator Kelly. What are their questions about changing lifestyles, etc.? Put a paid ad in newspapers like the Shelton Herald or CT Post. Have car pools for members for evening meetings.
- Do a write up on the chapter, put it up at the library.
- Don't get spread too thin. Finish things like Standing Rules then move on.
- Next meeting have suggestions for attracting new members.

Byron – statewide membership and number of volunteers has been growing. He had some he tried to recruit for the chapter but they wanted to volunteer at the state level instead.

Legislative:

Byron Peterson

The state legislature will be sworn in 1/9/2019 and begin meeting 1/10/2019.

Ben McGorty (Assistant Republican Leader) has a listening tour:

- Shelton Town Hall this Thursday 1/10 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Next Tuesday 1/15 at Bruegel's Bagels on Bridgeport Avenue at 8:00 a.m.
- 1/24/2019 7:00 p.m. at Trumbull Town Hall

Byron will let us know when he gets a list of meetings from Jason Perillo.

CT law effective this year that 14% of your Social Security is tax deductible. In 7 years, there will be no income tax on Social Security.

Senator Chris Murphy has a meeting at the Derby Middle School cafeteria this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Byron urged everyone to attend.

The government shut down affects IRS, TSA and FHA loans. It will affect people across the nation and you need to know how it may affect you.

Community Service / Outreach: Dot Ward

The November food drive was very successful, we collected two shopping carts full of food. Dot will report on the results at the January Membership meeting.

Dot has volunteer hours for the annual report, which is due by the end of January.

Public Relations: Marilyn Plainer

Doreen put in the correct topic in this month's Shelton Senior Center newsletter.

For the CT Post, she sends meeting notices in to the Senior News, but hasn't seen it there. She will try putting it in the Community News instead.

Website / Newsletter: Linda Gabor

The website has been updated with the latest event information. Past events for 2017-2018 and 2016-2017 have been moved to separate pages.

The December newsletter was emailed and posted to the website. Copies were available at the December Luncheon

Reviewed the draft of the January newsletter, additional information is needed on upcoming meetings. The newsletter will be emailed and posted to the website this week and copies will be available at the January Membership meeting,

George will call ShopRite again for description of their presentation.

Nominating: TBD

Walter distributed a nomination form and asked Vincent to give it to people as they sign in. The form is due by March. In April we will take nominations from the floor.

A current elected board member cannot also serve as the Nominating Chair.

Hospitality: Joan Platt

Dot knows what plug to use for the coffee pot when perking so it doesn't trip a circuit breaker. We can plug it in on the counter to keep warm but not to perk.
Joan needs baked goods for the meeting.

Audit:

No report.

Health Advisory: Judy Duva

No report

Sunshine:

We need a replacement for Marjorie Estok.

Dot has plenty of cards, if someone lets her know the person and occasion she would be glad to send them. She has addresses from our membership list.

Obituaries usually don't list that the person was an AARP member. George will call Dot if he sees someone in the CT Post.

Welcome: Mary Ann Firgau

No report

Old Business:

Memo of Agreement with SCC

Byron distributed a draft of the revised MOA, with changes in red, to the board. It includes updates for board meetings, meeting months, etc. Note that it already includes that we should get the Bingo Room at 12:30 to set up. We need to start the meeting promptly at 1:30.

Byron has given the draft to Doreen. Board members should review the MOA and give Byron their feedback.

Standing Rules

Byron distributed a draft of the revised Standing Rules to the committee and asked them to review it. He asked everyone on the board to review the existing Standing Rules and provide input. He will give the revised rules to the entire board after the committee makes changes.

New Business:

Chapter Handbook

Byron has 12 additional copies for the board. Board members need to know what is in the Chapter Handbook.

Dot has copies of previous versions. She will keep one copy of each for reference and dispose of the rest.

Volunteer Portal

Walter went to the site but didn't have a volunteer ID. He called and emailed but got no response. Dot will look for IDs from when she was president and see if she has any way to get in.

Byron said you get a volunteer ID number as a state volunteer. The Volunteer Portal is working now. Byron will ask what you need to use to get access.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Gabor

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Draft of Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center

Handout for 2019 – 2020 Nominations