

Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Board of Directors Meeting

March 12, 2019

Call to Order:

Walter Roog called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

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

Board Members Absent:

Judy Duva, Barbara Piaty, Gertude Wilson

Guests Attending:

None

Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Board Meeting and attachments have been posted to the Board Documents web page. Minutes of the February 19, 2019 Membership Meeting have been posted to the Chapter Documents web page.

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

Treasurers Report: Charles Vollaro

Report for February 2019

Beginning Balance (as of 1/31/2019)	\$2,323.40
Income	\$50.00
Expenses	\$49.00
Ending Balance (as of 2/28/2019)	\$2,324.40

Committee Reports

Programs:

Walter listed potential topics for 2019 – 2020:

Griffin Hospital Outreach Programs

Caregivers Home Services

Red Cross

WICC Weatherman

Byron – State Senator and Representatives for e.g. January.

Erica from AARP CT is available in July.

Luncheons:

For the Installation Luncheon, Byron negotiated to get a buffet lunch with one entrée, plus cheese and crackers for \$25.00 including tax and tip. The board selected the menu items. Byron will check if we can bring in cookies. We will have the 50-25-25 raffle but will not have door prizes.

Membership:	Vincent Ribeiro
Total Members:	73
Emeritus Members:	35
Dues Payable:	38
Dues Paid (2019):	17
Dues Unpaid (2019):	21

Dues are due by 3/31 2019.

Members who have not paid and are at the meeting should be told that they need to pay their dues today.

There were 19 members at the last meeting. How many show up at meetings?

Vincent will list those who are unpaid and the number of meetings they have attended. He will email the results of this analysis.

Dot – when call be clear that we can't offer them a ride.

Byron – next meeting be prepared with talking points

Vincent will not be at next week's membership meeting.

Byron – let members know they can pay dues starting in September of the previous year.

Legislative: Byron Peterson

Current Proposed Bills in Legislature Hearings, etc.: Update from February Report:

1. Transportation Infrastructure funding – 2 Bills
 - a. Democratic Bill calls for 82 toll stations in CT (I-95, I-84, Route 15, I-91, Route 8, Route 9, I-691, and I-291 would all have tolls.)
 - b. Governor Lamont's bill call for 50 toll stations
 - c. Public hearing was held last week on both bills
 - d. Republicans are against tolls.

NOTE: Contact your legislators who are seeking your feedback on the proposed legislation.
2. Increasing State minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour.
 - a. Small businesses and republicans are against this proposal.

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3. Streamlining Pension Tax process – Republicans proposing to get rid of a 2017 law that requires pension administrators to withhold taxes throughout the year. This will require seniors to file paperwork to get a financial return even if they fell below the minimum income level to file paperwork.

NOTE: Contact your legislators with your concerns (Yes or No)
4. Weekly Legislative Hearings:
 - a. Tuesday, March 12 – (Information Only) In Washington, DC the AARP National Office is launching a national campaign aimed at lowering the cost of prescription drugs

- b. Thursday, March 14 – Human Services Committee holding a public hearing on HB 7164 which would make the policy changes necessary to implement the Governor’s proposed human services budget. **AARP is opposed to a change that would add an asset test to the Medicare Savings Program.**
- c. Friday, March 15 – Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee – Public Hearing of SB 877 which would implement the revenue side of the Governor’s proposed budget. This bill includes a proposal to repeal an income tax exemption for social security, pension and annuity income that was supposed to go into effect this year. AARP opposes this proposal.

George – Assistants don’t pass information on to the legislators.

Byron – Have to keep on them. When call ask for the assistant and what is their name. Perillo and McGorty send out info by email every week.

Dot – They are talking about another government shutdown. Keep in mind how to help government employees who have no income (e.g. food bank). We need to pitch in if this happens.

Byron - Look around you at what we could support, e.g. groups, restaurants have done dinners for government employees/

Community Service / Outreach: Dot Ward

No report.

Public Relations: Marilyn Plainer

Doreen said we can no longer put up a sign for AARP meetings because they have so many signs.

Marilyn sent in about Social Security, Doreen didn’t put it in the newsletter.

Need to confirm who gets the information for the newsletter and when.

Marilyn will post flyers for this month’s meeting in the community center. Dot gets copies made at FedEx.

Dot asked Doreen how she got misinformation. Still waiting for an answer. Need a monthly confirmation system.

Walter – need someone to record meetings for Comcast. Put up camera on tripod, they could edit out the business meeting. Marilyn will ask if Comcast can send someone.

Comcast etc. have channels showing community events. See about getting our meetings on them.

Website / Newsletter: Linda Gabor

The website has been updated with the latest event information.

The state and national sites don’t appear to provide any links to local websites. The Shelton chapter information listed on the national site needs to be updated.

The March newsletter was emailed and posted to the website. Copies will be available at the March Member Meeting.

Nominating: TBD

No forms were submitted at the last membership meeting. Nominations need to be finalized at the April meeting.

Byron – Linda and Charlie agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

Hospitality: Joan Platt
Put sign-up sheets at each table.

Audit:
No report.

Health Advisory: Judy Duva
No report

Sunshine: Dot Ward
Dot has not heard about any ill or deceased members.

Welcome: Mary Ann Firgau
No report

Old Business:

Memo of Agreement with SCC

Byron handed out a copy with changes in red. The final copy will be all in black.
Byron will give Doreen a final copy and get her signature.

Standing Rules

Changes are in red.

The rules will be given to members in the April meeting when the members will vote on the rules.

New Business:

Walter talked with the state coordinator for AARP driver training about picking a date other than the third Tuesday for their classes. Byron will also mention it to Mike.

Byron – CT is number one in AARP for Fraud Prevention. CT is doing training for other states. Materials have been translated into Spanish. Byron will be leading how to do the training. Doubled our budget for fraud

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Gabor

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center– Final Draft with Changes in Red

Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center– Final

Shelton AARP Standing Rules – Final Draft with Changes in Red