

Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Board of Directors Meeting

April 9, 2019

Call to Order:

Walter Roog called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Board Members Attending:

Mary Ann Firgau, Linda Gabor, Phyllis Kupec, 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

Guests Attending:

None

Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Board Meeting and attachments have been posted to the Board Documents web page. Minutes of the March 19, 2019 Membership Meeting have been posted to the Chapter Documents web page.

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

Treasurers Report: Charles Vollaro

Report for March 2019

Beginning Balance (as of 2/28/2019)	\$2,324.40
Income	\$125.00 (luncheon tickets)
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance (as of 3/31/2019)	\$2,449.40

Committee Reports

Programs:

Phyllis doesn't know if she can continue. We will find someone else. Phyllis will help if she is able. We need a go-to person who has all the information.

We should have one meeting to focus on programming (Byron).

Potential speakers and topics:

- Shelton historian did a talk on the Long Hill cemetery (Walter). Marty Coglen spoke to us on Long Hill cemetery several years ago, his talk ran over an hour (Dot).
- On May 5th there is a historical tour of the Huntington Green. St Paul's church was founded 1722, the building is from 1811 (Byron).
- Man at Milford Senior Center plays guitar and sings, is very good, charges \$100 (Walter).
- Humblebees charged \$100 a few years ago (Charlie).
- Weatherman from WICC, he also wrote a book (Byron)
- Griffin Hospital coordinator (Byron). Need to call in July, the Senior Center is having a number of health programs (Walter).

- Man in Weston on ticks and poison ivy (Marilyn).
- Kathi Hunt of Literacy Volunteers (Linda).
- Charles Grodin (movie star). Shelton apple pie man. Fairfield “Happiness Club”. (Phyllis).
- Debra Syrowsky, Caregivers Home Solutions called Walter about speaking. Linda has information she sent previously.
- Long-term care insurance.
- Assisted living (we had a program on this last year).
- Hearing and Balance, we already have speaker information (Linda).
- Beardsley Zoo did a program for us. They are non-profit, so we gave a donation vs. a payment (Charles). They bring in 2-3 small animals (Dot).

Byron will talk to legislators and will check on programs from CT AARP.

Luncheons:

Everything is set with the Brownson Country Club. Byron will meet with them to finalize details and find out if we can bring in cookies. We have 6 signed up so far.

Membership:	Vincent Ribeiro
Total Members:	73
Emeritus Members:	36
Dues Payable:	37
Dues Paid (2019):	19
Dues Unpaid (2019):	18

Vincent tabulated attendance for members, the report doesn’t include attendance from the March meeting. He will have attendance figures at the April 16 meeting.

The sign in sheet lists status of dues payment. We should ask members for dues and to show their national card as they come in and get them to pay. Dot – pass around list of those who have not paid.

Emeritus status is for those 85 or older who have been a member for at least 5 years.

Legislative: Byron Peterson
See attached.

AARP wants Americans to have the right to buy drugs outside the country. This has been made more difficult than in the past. AARP wants to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

A lot of people are leery about tolls going to the transportation fund. If tolls go through, will all the money be used for infrastructure? Byron challenged the reps, will the money be for transportation and what are the loopholes.

Marijuana bill: There are 3 proposals, they will try to combine them.

- 1) For past arrests for 1.5 ounces, will have the have arrest record cleared. In the future, for 1.5 ounces, the first time there will be a fine, doesn’t say what happens the second time.
- 2) The police have asked for a way to identify someone under the influence.
- 3) No candy marijuana products are allowed.

All Republicans and some Democrats are against legalizing marijuana.

Sports betting has passed one of the committees. Native Americans also want to have it at their casinos.

Community Service / Outreach: Dot Ward

No report.

Dot will review the list of Community Contacts for any changes and give them to Linda.

Public Relations: Marilyn Plainer

Dot – if she goes to a place she asks if we can leave a program announcement.

Vincent – the Oxford Senior Center posts our newsletter.

Marilyn has some flyers left for next week. Doreen will put one on the SCC bulletin board. Phyllis will put a flyer up at Aspetuck. George will put one up at church

Marilyn talked to the Shelton Herald Editor, found out their email has changed. We then made the front page. She hasn't been able to reach the CT Post. She has been putting meeting announcements on Comcast for many years.

At the library they said a lot of people look for a place to volunteer, they will look for people to record for Comcast. Marilyn left her AARP card. Comcast is trying to get a volunteer to record the meeting next week.

Doreen needs the information for her newsletter two months in advance.

Walter – people from the Senior Center don't go to AARP meetings and vice versa.

Website / Newsletter: Linda Gabor

The website has been updated with the latest information.

The April newsletter was emailed and posted to the website. Copies were distributed at the board meeting and will be available at the April Member Meeting. If anyone has information for the May newsletter, let Linda know.

Nominating: TBD

Walter will continue as President. George will continue as Vice President if we can't find anyone else. Charlie and Linda will continue. Vincent and Phyllis agreed to continue as directors (3-year). We need nominees for 1 3-year director and 1 1-year director.

Byron – has anyone here approached anyone, we need to ask people.

It used to be that being Vice President was preparation for being President. Directors don't need any experience, it is a good place to start.

Walter will ask for nominees at next week's chapter meeting.

Hospitality: Joan Platt

No report.

Audit:

No report.

Health Advisory:

Judy Duva

No report

Sunshine:

Dot Ward

No cards sent. Let Dot know about ill or deceased members.

Welcome:

Mary Ann Firgau

No report

Old Business:

Memorandum of Agreement with SCC

Byron gave it to Doreen, what the Senior Center added is in red.

The board has to vacate the conference room by 3:15 p.m.

The SCC will let us know well in advance if the Bingo Room is not available for a particular chapter meeting. We have the room until 4:00 p.m.

If we have a problem we should go directly to Doreen.

Item 13 not needed. The Center is not allowed to request a financial donation.

Doreen will have the committee sign the memo, then we will sign.

Standing Rules

Walter and Linda will review the draft. Byron will give copies to the members at the next meeting, to be approved in May.

New Business:

We won't apply for the Chapter Grant this year but may do something next year.

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Gabor

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Legislative Report

Member and Guest Lists

Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center

Shelton AARP Standing Rules