

# Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2019

## Call to Order:

Walter Roog called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

## Board Members Attending:

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

## Board Members Absent:

Judy Duva, Vincent Ribeiro (arrived after meeting adjourned)

## Guests Attending:

None

## Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Board Meeting and attachments have been posted to the Board Documents web page. Minutes of the April 16, 2019 Membership Meeting have been posted to the Chapter Documents web page.

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

## Treasurers Report: Charles Vollaro

Report for April 2019

Beginning Balance (as of 3/31/2019)	\$2,449.40
Income	\$305.00 (Dues \$30.00. Luncheon \$275.00)
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance (as of 4/30/2019)	\$2,754.40

## Committee Reports

### Programs:

Walter - We will discuss programming in detail at the July board meeting. Griffin starts their programs in July

Marilyn –Doreen needs program information for the Shelton Senior Center newsletter two months in advance.

Byron – Sent invitations by email to Shelton Representatives and Senator to speak in January. The legislative session doesn't begin until February. Byron will see the legislators on Thursday.

Dot – Was on conference call about the high price of drugs. Can we get someone from CT AARP?

Marilyn – Program where five South Korean women come in traditional dress and do a presentation on Korean life and history. Participants pay \$5.00 each and make a lantern. There is a minimum of 30 and maximum of 40. If we are interested, Dot could ask the director of the Seymour Senior Center to borrow one of their lanterns to bring to a meeting.

### Luncheons:

Byron met with the Brownson Country Club to finalize details. For dessert they are giving us a sundae bar instead of just ice cream and we can bring in cookies.

We have 16 signed up so far. We need to push the luncheon at the May Chapter meeting to get more attendees.

<b>Membership:</b>	Vincent Ribeiro
Total Members:	74
Emeritus Members:	36
Dues Payable:	38
Dues Paid:	24
Dues Unpaid:	24

Board members will review the member list and make notes on anyone who may have moved, died, etc.

Note: Vincent arrived after the meeting. We discussed the need for him to check the formulas which add up the number of meetings attended. He will adapt the letter Orin provided and email or mail it to members who have not paid their 2019 dues.

**Legislative:** Byron Peterson

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

NOTE: Contact your legislators who is seeking your feedback on the proposed legislation

1. Transportation Infrastructure funding – 2 Bills (Bills being reviewed/revise)
  - 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. Reps. Perillo and McGorty voted against tolls proposals.
  - d. Shelton Alderman (March 28) passed a resolution opposing the tolls.
2. 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)

3. Legislative Activities:
  - a. An Act Concerning Prescription Drugs, HB 7174. CT-AARP supports this bill to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.
  - b. Paid Family and Medical Leave

Item 2 is not approved yet. The existing 2017, which this would repeal, eliminates the tax on Social Security and pensions effective this year.

Item 3a, Blumenthal and Murphy are in favor of reducing drug prices and allowing Medicare to negotiate prices with the drug companies.

CT Attorney General Tong and 25 states are suing drug manufacturers for price fixing on generic drugs.

The minimum wage increase passed last week. It will be raised to \$15.00, phased in over four years. After that it will be adjusted based on inflation.

**Community Service / Outreach:** Dot Ward

Dot distributed the 2019 Senior Go To Guide. Doreen Laucella and Cyndee Burke put in the information for Shelton. It includes a lot of useful information for seniors. We should work on getting copies for our members.

Dot will work over the summer to get into the 2020 issues. All the CT AARP chapters should be in the guide for their area. It may help to bring in more people

How many AARP chapters are there in CT? Byron – last he heard there were 30, but he doesn't know if this is; current.

**Public Relations:** Marilyn Plainer

The CT Post has not been putting in our information. She sent an email on this, but the reply was from a breaking news reporter (Tara O'Neil) saying they get hundreds of submissions weekly. However they put in multiple entries on the events page.

The Shelton Herald has been really nice, putting our information on the front page.

Marilyn sends our information into the New Haven Register but she has seen it in only once.

Marilyn went to the Oxford and Seymour Senior Centers (with Dot) and the Monroe and Shelton Senior Centers. At the Shelton Community Center they will try to find a volunteer to record for Comcast.

**Website / Newsletter:** Linda Gabor

The website has been updated with the latest information.

The May newsletter was emailed and posted to the website. Copies were distributed at the board meeting and will be available at the May Member Meeting.

**Nominating:** TBD

Elections will be held during the May chapter meeting. Walter will pass out printed copies listing the names. We discussed giving ballots out to members (but not guests) as they come in.

Dot volunteered to fill the one-year director position, so the only opening is for a three-year director.

Byron passed around the list of nominees:

President: Walter Roog

Vice President: George Ward

Secretary: Linda Gabor

Treasurer: Charles Vollaro

3-Year Directors: Phyllis Kupec, Vincent Ribeiro, open position

2-Year Directors: Mary Ann Firgau, Byron Peterson, Marilyn Plainer

1-Year Directors: Joan Platt, Lucille Roog, Dot Ward

**Hospitality:** Joan Platt

Joan has been leaving a sign-up sheet on the refreshments table but no one signs up. We discussed being more proactive about asking people to bring in desserts. Walter and Lucille had the same problem when they did hospitality.

**Audit:**

No report.

**Health Advisory:** Judy Duva

No report

**Sunshine:** Dot Ward

No report.

**Welcome:** Mary Ann Firgau

No report

**Old Business:**

Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center

Byron handed out the approved MOA. He will send Linda an electronic copy and she will post it on the Board Documents page of the website.

Shelton AARP Chapter Standing Rules

Byron handed out the final Standing Rules. The members will vote on them at the May chapter meeting. He will send Linda an electronic copy and she will post it on the Chapter Documents page of the website.

**New Business:**

Walter handed out a thank you letter for the 2018 chapter report and a fact sheet on AARP chapters

We discussed ideas on when to hand out the chapter bags, pens and pads. Ideas included at the June Luncheon, September Chapter Meeting, to the board, or at senior fairs. No decision was reached.

**Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. There will be no board meeting in June.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Linda Gabor

**Attachments:**

Treasurer's Report

Memorandum of Agreement with Shelton Senior Center

Shelton AARP Chapter Standing Rules

Thank you letter for 2018 report and fact sheet on AARP chapters