

# Shelton AARP Chapter 3240 Board of Directors Meeting

July 10, 2018

## Call to Order:

Walter Roog called the meeting to order at 1:31 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, Marjorie Estok, Gertude Wilson

## Guests Attending:

None

## Secretary's Report: Linda Gabor

Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Board Meeting have been posted to the Board Documents web page. Printed copies were distributed for those needing them.

Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Membership Meeting have been posted to the website. Printed copies were distributed for those needing them. A copy will be available for review at the September membership meeting.

Board members should supply copies of their reports, reports to AARP any communications, etc. for the chapter records.

Submitted the annual report to the state of CT and paid the \$50.00 fee.

## Treasurers Report: Charles Vollaro

No report.

## Committee Reports

### Programs: Phyllis Kupec

The board discussed programming for the upcoming year.

September 18, 2018

Kathi Hunt from Literacy Volunteers was originally scheduled to speak. However, she may need to go in for shoulder surgery. Walter will contact the Shelton Fire Department to discuss Fire Safety in the Home. Linda will let Kathi know about the change and see if she is available for a later meeting.

October 16, 2018

Walter has arranged for David Levy (co-owner) from Hawley Lane Shoes to be the speaker.

November 13, 2018 (second Tuesday)

Byron has arranged to have an AARP program on how to read your electric bill. Presenters are Rich and Pat Bright from Seymour.

January 22, 2019

Doreen Laucella (director) will speak about the Shelton Senior Center. Doreen agreed that she can speak in January.

February 18, 2019

Speaker from Shop Rite. George will contact them.

Spring 2019

Pat Sweeney from Derby Neck Library and Osborne House museum can speak Spring 2019. Linda will contact her to confirm which date(s) she is available and will send a list of topics she can speak on.

Other potential programs:

- Home Care Agency in Newtown. Phyllis will save this for next year.
- Speaker from Social Security - Walter
- Dr. Bauman from Hearing and Balance Center can speak on a variety of related topics. The board decided against having this program since the Senior Center had hearing tests twice recently. Linda will notify them.
- Shelton Historical Society (Phyllis went to a program at Plumb Library). If Pat Sweeney can speak, this would be for next season.
- Presentation on Antique Cars (Vintage Car Festival) - Dot
- Woman in Shelton who teaches cursive to children – Dot
- Man in Oxford who worked on Hubbell Telescope - Dot
- Football - George
- The Survivors Swing Band – Phyllis had an article. We will look online for contact information so Phyllis can call them for information.
- Ukrainian Egg decorating.
- Decided against having the Police Department since the Senior Center already had them in.

Byron – Have a meeting at a later time to interest younger members.

Dot – If we have Senator Kelly as a speaker, we should send personal invitations to the Monroe and Stratford Senior Centers and the Stratford AARP.

**Luncheons:**

Phyllis Kupec

Target date for Holiday Luncheon is December 11, 2018 (second Tuesday).

We will check into having the luncheon at a local restaurant to improve attendance. The restaurant should have a separate meeting room, parking and be handicapped accessible.\

Charles, Marilyn and Barbara volunteered to work with Phyllis on a committee. Linda will do the flyer and tickets.

Potential locations:

- Bronson Country Club - Byron will check with them since he is on the board.
- Valley Diner, New Haven Ave., Derby
- Vazzy's Cucina, Bridgeport Ave., Shelton
- Carmines on River Road
- Roberto's in Monroe
- Amici's on Howe Ave.
- Riverdale and Plaza Diner were ruled out

**Membership:** Vincent Ribeiro

No report on membership numbers.

We are having problems with membership. We should invite friends and family to the meetings.

Dot – we need to check the national AARP cards for all members. Membership numbers and expiration dates should be recorded in the membership spreadsheet.

**Legislative:** Byron Peterson

Byron distributed rules governing political activities. If we have any candidates during election season, we must invite all, so it is better not to have them. If a chapter violates the rules, that chapter will be closed down. This is why Byron has not talked to anyone in the legislature about annual.

The legislature may start this coming year in January vs. February.

**Community Service / Outreach:** Dot Ward

Dot is setting up a food drive for the Valley Food Bank (Spooner House). This will take place at the November membership meeting. She has their wish list which she will hand out at the August board meeting. Lucille will help with cataloguing and bringing items to the car.

**Public Relations:** Marilyn Plainer

Chapter information was emailed to Seymour Town Guide. Marilyn will call the Shelton Answer Book and have them email their request for information to the chapter email.

**Website / Newsletter:** Linda Gabor

The May newsletter has been emailed and posted to the website.

Photos and handouts from the May membership meeting have been posted to the website.

A Board Documents page has been added to the website to post documents for board members.

The Southington Chapter has a website: <http://www.avs4943.org>. The home page and newsletter have ideas we may be able to use for events and activities.

**Nominating:** TBD

Dot distributed the list of board members for the upcoming year.

Linda distributed spreadsheet with contact information for the board members. Walter said to use his cell (203-278-7626) as his contact phone,

**Hospitality:** Joan Platt  
Phyllis will buy a sheet case (half vanilla, half chocolate) for the September meeting.

Joan will continue to ask for members to bring refreshments for the October through May. Decided against putting in a request for desserts into notices in the newspapers.

**Audit:** Marjorie Estok  
No report

**Health Advisory:** Judy Duva  
No report

**Historian:** Gertrude Wilson  
No report

**Sunshine:** Marjorie Estok  
No report

**Welcome:** Mary Ann Firgau  
No report

**Old Business:**  
We need to review and update the chapter's current standing rules. They have not been updated since 2009.

Reviewed board and membership meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 and for 2019

**New Business:**  
Walter handed out copies of the AARP Handbook to officers.

We need to put in writing the criteria for Honorary Lifetime Membership (Emeritus). Orin provided a sample

**Next Board Meeting:**  
The next board meeting will be Tuesday August 14th at 1:30 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:**  
Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted:** Linda Gabor

**Attachments:**  
Meeting Dates 2018 – 2019  
Officers and Directors 2018 – 2019  
Board Member Contact Information  
Shelton Chapter Standing Rules  
AARP Election Rules and Regulations  
Apple Valley - Southington Chapter June 2018 Newsletter  
Mohegan Chapter Honorary Lifetime Membership