Raleigh-Wake County AARP Chapter #3689 3/16/23 General Membership Meeting

Meeting opened at 11:03a with 23 members on ZOOM.

Co-President Claude Lee asked that we take  a moment to relax, breathe and become aware of our surroundings.

The Inspirational Message "God's Love" was  delivered by Grace Krishnamurty .  She instructed us to keep God in our lives, let God play his fatherly role and never to forget God.

Silver Lining:  Sarah Cooley has checked her son into alcohol rehabilitation where he is getting help and doing well.  Brenda Smith's son and wife are expecting a child after ten years of marriage.

Co President  Claude Lee and Cordelia Backwell report that yesterday there was a card playing session with six members in attendance.  They were unable to play Pokeno at the church since it involves money.  Fun was had by all.

Marjorie Younger  introduced her new members: Brenda and Cleotis Johnson.   Co-President Claude Lee recognized all 7 new members: Rosa Vegas, Cheryl and Tom Gill, Donna Bergeron, Sara Cooley and Brenda and Otis Johnson.

Minutes of February 16th meeting were read and accepted after correction made.  Correction: 500 Volunteer points were accumulated by our entire group during Volunteer events.

Treasurer Brenda Smith reported her monthly report which was moved and properly accepted as read.

A surprise recognition gift was presented  to Willi Webb, Allan Younger  and Hannah Gathings for logging in first this morning for today's meeting.

Co-Presidents James and Claude attended National and Large Regional Meetings and learned of activities of other AARP Groups which helped to raise their membership numbers such as Newsletters every month, Messages on Radio, Fish Fries, Flier's passed out at church Services and sponsors to cover meal each month.  James and Claude will discuss forming a Membership Committee. Seven new members acquired this year will receive an AARP lunch bag as a gift.

The May Meeting will be held in person...

Willi and her Committee have set up a Matrix of Criteria for selecting another meeting site/matching Criteria with Venue.  Please forward any info to Committee reference a suitable site.

Addendum:

Committee Reports:

Co-President James Nelson discussed the need to reassemble our committees due to Covid cessation of activities.

Nominating Committee Chairman Allan Younger spoke of need for one more Committee member.  Allan and Committee member Felex Gathings will meet to bring a candidate forward to vote on at April meeting.  The membership can also bring forward a candidate at that time.

Fund Raising Co Chairman Lorrie Berlenbach reports that the Committee is still searching for a venue for the Jazz Event.  No Report at this time.  Will report next month.

Karen Clark requested that person in charge of card games to please give her a call.  She is interested in joining the fun.  Karen also suggests that there are activities at Dorothea Dix Hospital that we may be interested in joining in with the patients and have lots of fun.  She suggests that it would be fun for us to meet there and become involved.  North Carolina is close to becoming the 39th State to pass Medicare Expansion.

Our speaker for the day was Casey Hall who is an Account Liason with Pro Medical and Palliative Services.  She has a Gerontology and Social  Worker Degree.  She works with families to help them overcome any problems with Palliative Care and Hospice Care for their loved one.  She took many questions and answered them to our group's satisfaction. We thanked Casey for sharing her valuable information with us.

Membership Committee-Kelly Vick: There are 37 members online today.  Kelly sometimes cannot recognize who is online because there is no name available.  The next Chronicle will be released during the month of April.

Program Committee, Allan Younger:  Next month's speaker is yet to be determined.

Co-President Claude Lee reports that Gayle Gayton and Willi Webb spent some time with Arlene Lee.  She is doing well.

March Birthdays:  Sarah Cooley 3/8, George Gross 3/11, Allan Younger 3/18, Mattie Branch 3/12, Alice Hedley 3/31. Claude will call and wish members Happy Birthday. The following members will send cards their designated month: Allan Younger- April, Claude Lee-May, Oweida Cole-June, Kelly Vick-July, James Nelson-August, Emma Dorssett-September, Cordelia Blackwell-October, Patricia Toothman-November, Oweida Cole-December.

Co-President James Nelson presented the Birthday song.

Karen Clark asked about James Hines’ health. He was instrumental in recommending her as our Legislative Reporter.  Co-President Claude Lee will contact him within the next two weeks.

Pat Toothman reports that Ann Best is suffering some health issues and will have to stand back for a while.

Meeting Ended 12:45p

Next General Meeting 4/20/2023

11a-12:30p

Next Executive Meeting 5/11/2023

11a-12:30p