AARP Chapter 3689 General Membership Meeting – January 19, 2023

Claude Lee, Co-President, extended a cordial welcome to attendees.

Grace Krishnamurty Inspirational Message:  "God, how great thou art"

Minutes 11/17/2022 &12/20/2022 were read.

**Treasurer Report-see attached.**

The speaker for this meeting will be Rick Messer. He will discuss Elder Law and getting your affairs in order.

Gayle Gayton requested that we send her our names and Tee shirt sizes in order to order an official AARP shirt.  The shirts are free of charge.

Willi Webb reports that next Tuesday at 11am, the next Bridge lesson is scheduled. Five members have expressed interest in attending the lessons (Anne Best, Willi Webb, Felex Gathings, Kelly Vick and Claudia Harris). Call Claude Lee to form a card playing group who would be playing Spades, Hearts or Bid Whist, etc.  James Nelson and Dee Blackwell are interested.

James Nelson discussed the "Member of the Month Gift" which he and Co-President Claude Lee will award to the member who invites the most prospective new members. This activity will begin with our next meeting 2/16/2023.  The Co-Presidents will finance the gifts.

Willi Webb uses her Zoom account for AARP #3689 at no charge to our Chapter per her decision.

In-person meetings are in the works.

Willi Webb covered the Annual Chapter Report with the group.

James Nelson explained recommendation for new meeting sites.  He recommends an area where there is a concentration of members, e.g. Crabtree Valley Area.

Funding Committee Planning Meeting is scheduled February 12, 2023.

Karen Clark gave an informative Legislative Report.

February General Meeting Program will be a "Black History Program " which will be presented by Allan and Marjorie Younger's son.

Silver Linings - Helena Nabors’ physcian delivered her good news.  She has no sign of dementia or Alzheimers.  Mary shared with Claude that recently she had a phenomenal visit with her family in Texas.  She also recently welcomed her 13th great-grandchild.

Willi Webb discussed her Annual Report which is due by the end of January. (a) Zoom meetings have around 20 attendees.  Numbers should increase when we return to live meetings. ( b) Annual dues are $10.00. (c) She reported on hunger, Legislative and Fox Road Elementary School. She discussed Health and Wellness and keeping in touch with each other. These have been our focus. Claude will encourage new members to join some of our committees.

Community Service - Oweida Cole: 140 items delivered to Fox Road School (socks, scarves, mittens, and hats). The children also need boys coats and underwear because sometimes they fall into mud at recess.  They also took eyeglass cases to the Lions Club.  Please let Oweida know if you have glasses or eyeglass cases to donate. They will continue to visit the Food Pantry once per month and take clothing to the Healing Transitions.

Fund Raising:  Fund Raising Committee will meet 2/21/2023 to discuss 2023 Calendar.  The meeting will be per Zoom. 50/50 Drawing will be held today. The winner will win approximately $100.00.

Legislative - Karen Clark: Karen discussed Simplified Savings for the future and deduction from paycheck is seen to people to be the simplest way to save.  AARP is urging the Legislature to set up a process to help small businesses to set up a retirement safety net and grow their retirement. There is a need to create more affordable, suitable housing options so seniors can stay in their homes.

Membership - Kelly Vick: Xmas meeting was held at Abbotts Creek Recreation Center, Durant Rd, Raleigh, NC. There were 32 attendees, 2 visitors; 50 members have renewed their membership.  Four members have perfect attendance: Ilse Anke, Karen Clarke, Pat Toothman and Willi Webb.  Chronicle will be released February.  I need your contribution by February 10th.

Nominating Committee - Allan Younger:  Hannah Gathings is the only Secretary.  There is an opening for a Historian.  Co-Presidents will appoint a Historian.   There is one opening for the Nominating Committee. Allan will talk more about that at the February meeting.

Program Committee - Allen Younger: February is Black History Month. Our speaker will discuss the Emancipation Proclamation (1863) and what the Emancipation Proclamation spoke of.

Sunshine Committee/Claude Lee: Five members attended funeral for Alvita Robert's sister;

four encouragement cards were sent; seven birthday cards (December & January) were sent.

Lorrie Berlenbach:  Drawing for 50/50 Jackpot was won by Cordelia Blackwell, approximately

$100.00.

Meeting ended 12:49 pm

Next General Meeting 2/16/2023

Next Executive Meeting 3/9/2023

Submitted by:  Hannah Gathings - Secretary