



Meeting called to order at 10:30am by Chairman Jerry Wathen. Jerry asked those present to introduce themselves and the county they represent. Those present, in addition to Jerry, included Nancyann Davidson, Mary Curtiss, Freida Roberts, Bob Held, Connie Ring, Melody Dowell, LaVerle Kelley, Barbara Malaby, Loretta Seibel, Bev Newbanks, Daniece Drew, and Terry Baylie. Potential new delegates were Roberta Helling, and Charlotte & Max Ritchey, all from Yuma County. Jerry led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

#### March 26, 2015 Minutes

Jerry asked for any corrections/clarifications to the March 26th meeting Minutes. Hearing none, Beverly Newbanks moved that the Minutes be approved; motion was seconded by Loretta Seibel and carried unanimously.

#### Add Agenda Items/Approve Agenda

Jerry then asked for any additional agenda items. Election of 2016 Offices was added after the Treasurer's Report (since the Treasurer's report was to finish business for 2015) and the agenda was approved.

#### Treasurer's Report

Copies of the most current report were distributed. Nancy said that \$1000 was transferred from Savings to Checking in order to write the Speak-Out scholarship check of \$960 to LAVAAA (Region VI). Interest was also added to the savings account in the amount of .31 cents (August to December 2015). Therefore, the balance in the checking account is \$155.50 and the savings account balance is \$107.01. Jerry said that a motion to approve the Treasurer's report was not needed unless there are questions; therefore, it will be stand as read and filed for audit.

#### Election of Officers for 2016

Beverly Newbanks moved to retain the 2015 officers for 2016. Motion was seconded by LaVerle Kelley. Motion carried unanimously. Officers elected by acclamation. The officers for 2016 are:

Chair: Jerry Wathen, Region I

Vice-Chair: Cel Santistevan, Region VI

Secretary/Treasurer: Nancyann Davidson, Region V

#### Speak-Out XXXIX (39) 2015 Autopsy

Melody Dowell distributed a summary of the evaluations/comments from the Speak-Out, which was reviewed by the group. The workshops likes/dislikes were discussed. Legislative session should not be a "complaint session"; it was designed to be a forum where the participants could be heard, and could let the legislators know what is important that they work for/on in the coming year. Melody said she has having a dispute over billing and that she hopes to have it resolved by the February meeting so that a check for the proceeds can be provided. Connie Ring asked that a thank you letter be written to Senator Larry Crowder, who was the only legislator present. The group will write a Thank You letter to Senator

Crowder. Jerry Wathen indicated that the people appointed to the committee to study elder issues who represent the 16 eastern Colorado counties should be invited to the next Speak-Out. It was also thought that candidates running for office should be invited to attend, which might encourage more elected officials to attend.

#### *Speak-Out XL (40) 2016*

Scheduled for October 6 & 7, Terry said that a "theme" has not been determined, but maybe could be "Lordy, Lordy, Look What's Forty!" Possible workshops might be Visual Spatial Learners; Rural Aging in Place (fact or fiction); Spousal Impoverishment/Coping with Loss of a Spouse; Terry asked the group to bring workshop ideas to the next meeting. Although it would be great to hold the event all in one place, that option is not possible in this region...the meeting location (either Limon or Burlington) has not been determined, but regardless of which community, the meetings/meals will likely be in one place and the rooms at a different location. Terry will discuss theme, workshops, location with the advisory board at its next meeting.

#### *Legislative and EPLTF Correspondence*

Melody said that a letter was received from Representative Ken Buck regarding the removal of the "hold harmless" provision of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization, urging the members of the EPLTF to also write a letter regarding this issue. After discussion, the group decided to write a letter to Representative John Kline and Representative Robert C. Bobby Scott, both with the Education/Workforce Committee, calling for the removal of the "hold harmless" provision of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization.

#### *Colorado Commission on Aging*

Cel Santistevan was not able to attend because he was attending a commission meeting. He plans to attend the February meeting.

#### *Legislative Issues/Concerns*

After discussing several of the bills introduced this session, it was determined to hold off writing any letters until more information is received. Several people selected bills they plan to get more information about.

#### *Senior Day at the Capitol*

Copies of this year's event were distributed. It will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 and hosted by the Colorado Senior Lobby. Location will be the Colorado State Capitol and will start at 8 am with a continental breakfast.

#### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be February 25, 2016 in Stratton at the Rodeway/Golden Prairie Inn.

#### *Adjournment*

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 12:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Nancyann Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer