

MOTOROLA AUSTIN ALUMNI CLUB

The General Meeting Minutes Feb 11, 2025

General Information: The MAAC general meeting was held at the Austin Recreation Center at 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78701. Sandra Lawell called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Speaker Presentation: The speaker was Dawn Dieckman, Community Engagement Coordinator for EnGage Travis County. Engage is a locally coordinated federally funded program that helps seniors (50+) find volunteer opportunities in the Travis County area. Key take aways from the presentation were:

- Engage precursor organizations began activities in Travis County in 1972.
- The Engage web site is www.engagetraviscounty.org.
- If you are already providing volunteer service in the area, Engage can assist you to get access to free benefits such as supplemental accident and auto insurance, mileage reimbursement, and training/workshops.
- Engage currently has approximately 200 volunteers. A closely affiliated, but separate, program called RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) has another, approximately 200 volunteers supporting many non profits in the area.

Treasurer's Report: Cal Gooden provided an updated treasury report which should be available in the next few days. Cal was also assigned an action item to enhance the existing MAAC application form (on the MAAC web site) to include more instructional information for potential applicants.

Scholarship Funds: Ray Voith read aloud to the group, a thankyou letter from Carolyn Hoang, recent recipient of a scholarship from the Gary Daniels UT Scholarship Fund. We hope to have her present in person at a future MAAC meeting to discuss her engineering work at UT, especially as relates to her robotics activities.

We need to identify new applicants for the Motorola Scholarship Fund. Contact Bill Pfaff with your input.

Picnic: Wayne Harned updated the group on the upcoming picnic scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 10:30 -1:30 at Old Settlers Park. Lunch will be from Rudy's BBQ. Tickets are \$20/person. We need at least 45 attendees to cover the cost of the event.

Pizza Lunch: The group enjoyed a delicious pizza lunch with soft drinks, tea and coffee.

Bingo and Scholarship Raffle: Bingo and the usual scholarship fund raffle were enjoyed by all.

Membership: Annual dues of \$15 (\$10 for life members) and are due in January each year. Everyone is encouraged to invite new Motorola alumni to join the club.

Newsletter: If you are not receiving the MAAC newsletter, contact Danna Redford.

Attendees: There were 17 MAAC attendees at the meeting.