

Blacksburg AARP Chapter
MINUTES
October 7, 2014

President Bloom called meeting to order at 10:00 am

Present: John Hillison, Terry Wildman, Tom Alston, Nola Elliott, Sally Anna Stapleton, Margaret Kates, Leslye Bloom, Ben Crawford, Pat Ballard, Jim Wightman
Tina King

Agenda was presented and approved

Minutes from Board meeting on September 2, 2014 were presented and approved

There were no additional announcements

Officer Reports:

No report from President Bloom

Vice-President Terry Wildman asked for assistance from Committee Chairs in completing the Chapter's annual report for 2014.

Treasurer Pat Ballard gave a brief report that was quickly approved.

No secretarial report.

Old Business:

It was noted that Jim Montgomery is assisting with the chapter award process for Doris Abraham. Nominations are still open for "Chapter Service" and Community Spirit" awards, but the timeframe is narrowing, as these awards need to be presented at the chapter holiday luncheon in early December. Contact Jim Montgomery with your nomination.

New Business:

Don Creamer, serving as chair of the nominations committee, presented the slate of board members and officers for 2015. Officers on the slate include: Terry Wildman (President); Don Creamer (Vice-President); Sally Anna Stapleton (Secretary); and Pat Ballard (Treasurer). New board members include: Pat Hyer, Jerry Niles, and Shirley Peterson. Don also reported that some progress has been made in attracting participation for positions beyond 2015. More on this later.

Committee Reports;

Sally Anna (Community Service) reported that the recent food drive was a nice success with approximately 3300 lbs.' of food collected for Blacksburg and Christiansburg food pantries.

Two other events were briefly discussed. *One is the Home Matters Workshop* to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 8:30-1:30pm at the Event Center in Christiansburg. The second is the *Supplies for Seniors Walk-A-Thon 2014* sponsored by RSVP of Montgomery County & Radford, Christiansburg Parks & Recreation and Carilion NRV. This event is to be held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center on October 16, 10am-1pm. Thanks to Tina King for these announcements.

Finally, Pat Ballard reminded the board that the *Christmas Store* in Christiansburg is open for business.

One more note regarding Sally Anna Stapleton's role as Chapter Secretary in 2015. The board agreed to a one-time purchase of *Microsoft Office* for Sally to facilitate her duties as Secretary. Ben Crawford moved approval; Tina King seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in support of the motion.

Tina at this point introduced her new intern at RSVP, Kyle Pollard, who is currently learning the ropes at RSVP.

Margaret Kates (Caring Committee) mention sending a card to George Hawkins upon his wife's passing.

No reports from Driver Safety and the Financial committee.

Nola Elliott (Hospitality) reminded everyone of the Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 9, 11:30am at Warm Hearth.

John Hillison (Health Committee) confirmed that the 2014 Health Fair is indeed over, was greatly successful as per his written reports, and also expressed personal relief that the responsibility is now available for another chairperson. To confirm this hand-off John produced two massive notebooks detailing Fair activities and procedures, and pleaded for someone to take them. Don Creamer agreed to undertake custody of the notebooks.

Sally Anna Stapleton, our esteemed member with many jobs, reminded us that she is still collecting news reports and other artifacts for the History Committee that she also chairs. Sally mentioned that Shirley Peterson might be willing to take charge of this committee as Sally transitions to Chapter Secretarial duties.

Jim Wightman and Tom Alston (membership) reported on efforts of the “basket team” at the Health Fair. Jim reported that more than 90 names of participants were collected in the registration “basket” and that a note would be sent to these folks inviting them to consider joining the Chapter. Tom reported that for the current month there were no new members.

Don Creamer (Special Events Committee) will soon be convening his ad hoc committee formed for the purpose of planning a Chapter sponsored conference for Fall 2015 and each off year of the Health Fair. Don also continues to maintain the Chapter website.

Terry Wildman (Short-term advisory council) is currently finalizing a charge for the committee.

Finally, a committee was formed to decide recipients of Chapter funds (\$2300 available this year to non-profit organizations in the area. The committee will invite representatives of the recipient organizations to attend the Holliday luncheon where the awards will be presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Wildman, Interim Secretary