

AARP CHAPTER 2613

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

BOARD MINUTES

Call to Order--President Leslye Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Officers Present: President Leslye Bloom, Vice President Terry Wildman.

Board Members: Nola Elliott, Tom Alston, Tina King, SallyAnna Stapleton, John Hillison, Cecil McBride, Don Creamer.

Non Board Members, Committee Chairs and Appointees: Val Caloni, Ben Crawford, Margaret Kates, Jennifer Spoon, Doris Abraham.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Don Creamer, seconded by Terry Wildman.

Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2014: Motion to approve by John Hillison, seconded by Don Creamer

The Board has elected Cecil McBride a new board member replacing Mary Ann Hinshelwood who has moved from the area.

President's Report: Original framed Charter for the Blacksburg Chapter, Signs, banners, board displays etc. among the items that had been stored in Joy Herbert's office and turned over to President Bloom. A few items will be returned to Brian Jacks, Val Coluni and Don Creamer and Cecil McBride will assist with cleaning out the remaining items as well as the filing cabinet. SallyAnna Stapleton will also take ownership of a few items to be retained for the Club History.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: No Report

Old Business: Board minutes will now be maintained on the Website and no longer in the Newsletter. Suggested the newsletter refer to the Website URL pointing to the minutes, as well suggested the President's letter section of the Newsletter list the URL. The motion to have the minutes on the Web Page and no longer in the Newsletter was made by Don Creamer and seconded by Tina King.

Regarding cancellations and postponements: Board of Directors, If Montgomery County Schools are closed, the Board Meeting will be postponed until the following week. If Montgomery County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, meeting will be held as usual.

General Meetings, If Montgomery County Schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled for that month. If Montgomery County Schools are delayed 1 or 2 hours, meeting will be held as usual.

Community Service: SallyAnna Stapleton attended a conference "HOPE" "Helping Overcome Poverty's Existence" It was a panel discussion pertaining to hunger and discussions included the Farm Bill which was approved but is far from ideal and recommended to take a harder stance against the bill. SallyAnna

also shared a booklet from the conference regarding a Farmers Food Council. Sally also shared with us the receipt of a Certificate of Appreciation for the food drive.

Caring: Margaret Kates sent two sympathy cards this month to the families Mrs. Payne and Mrs. White.

Awards: Doris Abraham, April article in Newsletter regarding awards to be given, in May announce the awards at the general meeting.

Driver Safety: Cecil McBride announced the dates of March 11 and 12th from 1 to 5 PM at the Blacksburg Recreation Center for the Driver Training Classes, will put info on webpage and newsletter. Best to call ahead to make sure availability, but no reservation necessary.

Financial: June Schmidt. No report

Hospitality: Nola Elliott Reservation for picnic pavilion at Nelly's Cave Park has been made for June 17th 10 AM to 2 PM. Will also call the auctioneer (Linkous) to invite him to do our White Elephant auction. Question regarding preference for Christmas Luncheon – Warm Hearth or Custom Catering. Will get a quote for 100 people from both. Also indicated the date would probably be December 9th.

Val Coluni requested to find out how local restaurants, grocery stores and dining halls could help with Hunger in the NRV, if there is any possibilities to get the “throw away” items to those who could use it. SallyAnna Stapleton, Val and Doris Abraham will investigate.

Health Fair: John Hillison. John maintains, with much labor, a book of contacts for sponsors for the Health Fair. He will be visiting some of the Gold Sponsors. Sub committee chair and meetings seem to be on track for this time of the year for the Sept. 17th Fair. There was a questions regarding vendors who pay for a spot vs. non profits and how non profits could fit in.

History: SallyAnna Stapleton has purchased a scrap book and has also organized some of the items that have been handed over to her.

Legislative: Val Coluni reports the Medicaid Bill is a hot button item, on Lobby Day they had well organized teams sit in on committees Val attended the Commerce committee. Public Guardianship needs additional support, family caregivers to aged and special needs people could receive some type of compensation.

Membership: Tom Alston reports that only about ½ of 2013 members have paid so far for 2014. He suggests bringing newsletter with membership application to open meetings. Val indicated he would like to start personally visiting those past members who have not yet joined this year to get a feel for why they haven't joined this year.

Newsletter: Jennifer Spoon. Requested articles for the newsletter be sent electronically. Requested input as to how to handle “filler” material. Since the minutes will no longer be in Newsletter those will be sent directly to Don Creamer for uploading to the Web Site. Anything for submission to the newsletter should also be copied to President Bloom and the Web Master.

Programs: Ben Crawford would like to urge Joy Herbert continue to visit our meetings perhaps make position for ex-officio members of the board. Ben would also suggest contacting the Service Learning branch of Va. Tech to perhaps do a survey regarding membership downfall. Also suggested that a request to National Newsletter to include promoting local branch existence. It was brought to our attention that many folks don't realize there are local chapters of AARP existing.

Also from Ben, the Jan. 21st program that was cancelled, Rosemary Blieszner Associate Director for the Va. Tech Center for Gerontology may be rescheduled for our April Meeting. Many were disappointed that she could not present her program. And, Ben would urge you to attend the AARP Big Event in Boston, May 8th, 9th and 10th. Many great speakers and vendors

Public Relations: Terry Wildman distributed flyer for the February general meeting. Hope to put on Community Calendar, perhaps WTOB and also maybe submit to the Senior News in the Roanoke Magazine.

Web: Don Creamer. Home page use for Bulletin Board and current month's minutes, earlier months minutes to be on secondary pages. Web pages seems to be working very well.

AARP Virginia: Ben Crawford. No report.

Meeting adjourned at 12 Noon.