

**AARP Blacksburg Chapter
Minutes**
December 1, 2020
Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Don Creamer, Chuck Burress, Sally Anna Stapleton, Jerry Niles, Carolyn Rude, Hugh VanLandingham, Lisa Moose, Leslie Pendleton, Pat Ballard, Kai Duncan, Todd Solberg, Tom Hohenshil, Doug Feuerbach, Linda Correll, Ben Crawford, Terry Wildman

President Don Creamer opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Welcome extended to new Chapter Board Members.
Minutes of November 3, 2020 board meeting were approved.

Membership:

Pat reports Chapter membership renewals being received through mail and some online.

Chapter December 15, 2020 Celebration:

Reviewed plan for this 2020 Chapter Celebration:

- Chuck will present the State and Chapter awards.
- Pat will present Charitable Giving awards.
- Chuck will present “First Responders Proclamation.”
- Carolyn will present highlights of 2020 achievements.
- Joyce Williams (President AARP Virginia) will install new officers for 2021.
- Gavel will be passed from Don to Leslie, and Leslie will make closing remarks as new Chapter President.

First Responders Proclamation:

- Chuck presented the First Responders Proclamation that will be read during the upcoming December celebration.
- Newspaper advertisement will cost \$322.50 to post proclamation to community.
- Chuck will publish after December 15, 2020 Chapter meeting.
- Don will share this plan with Brian Jacks, AARP Virginia
- Board unanimously approved this proclamation and plan to print in newspaper.

Care Committee and Cooperative Programming:

- Leslie announced Christmas Parade in English Meadows on Friday, December 11, 2020 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- Warm Hearth reached out to our Chapter to request collaboration.
- Leslie presented WHV pilot program plan to send cards, and schedule raffle with Chapter video to be presented on the WHV broadcast channel.
- Board agreed to support outreach to the larger WHV and other senior audiences.

- Board agreed to support Operation paperback campaign that collaborates with WHV and RSVP.
- Todd recommended that our Chapter advertise our 2021 online meetings and events to the website <http://www.nextthreedays.com>

Newsletter:

- Carolyn reports that AARP is the theme for the January Chapter newsletter.
- Information (food drives, tax aide and assisted living outreach) to be included in newsletter is due January 1, 2021.
- Doug will provide COVID preparedness updates in newsletter article.

January Chapter Meeting:

- Memorial Service scheduled for January meeting commemorating deceased Chapter Members.

Celebrating Aging - “Cinco de Mayo Seniors Day” – Spring Celebration for Seniors:

- Event is temporarily on hold for in-person event in May. Considering an alternate virtual event on May 5, 2021. Chapter Board will make final event decision by January 2021.

Monetary Contributions Committee Reports:

- Decision to distribute \$2400 this year in charitable gifts. Pat writing checks for distribution to recipients. Recipients will be invited to December Zoom Awards meeting.

Charitable giving for 2020			
Amt #	Awardee	Check made payable to	Memo line
\$200	Community Foundation of the NRV	Community Foundation of the NRV	Town of B'burg Senior Center End. Fund
\$200	Town of Blacksburg Community Ctr	Town of Blacksburg	Senior Center
\$200	Christiansburg Community Center	CDPR	Senior Programs
\$200	Micah's Soup for Seniors	St. Michael Lutheran Church	Micah's Soup for Seniors
\$100	NRV Agency on Aging	NRV Agency on Aging	Meals on Wheels
\$300	Mont. Co. Christmas Store-Seniors	Mont. Co. Christmas Store	Senior Undergarments
\$300	RSVP(Retired Senior Volunteer Programs)	RSVP	Supplies for Seniors
\$200	Community Foundation of the NRV	Community Foundation of the NRV	Aging in Place
\$200	Warm Hearth Dementia Program	Warm Hearh	Dementia Program
\$300	SW Virginia Veteran's Cemetary	SW Virginia Veteran's Cemetery	Wreath laying program
\$200	Community Action	Community Action	Homeless Winter Shelter
\$2,400	Total		

Program Plans by Zoom:

- January – March 2021 planned Program Presentations are scheduled.

Legislative Committee Report:

- No new updates since last newsletter.
- Reminder that guidance for Medicare/Medicaid Services legislation will be reported in next newsletter. Isolation associated with prohibited visitation to Senior Facilities is a growing problem that needs to be addressed.

LLI Update:

- Jerry Niles reports favorable feedback from participants.
- Zoom classes have been well received, and online courses will continue in Spring 2021.
- Registration for Spring LLI is in January and classes will begin in February 2021.

Liaison Activities:

- Ben is meeting this afternoon with Congressman Griffith to discuss the crisis impacting nursing home and long-term care facilities. Personal Protective Equipment and staffing shortages are strongly impacting these facilities.
- Ben will report the results of this meeting and the associated statistics of the nursing home and long-term care facilities situation to Carolyn for printing in the January newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Moose.