

**AARP Blacksburg Chapter
Minutes**

October 6, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Don Creamer, Chuck Burress, Sally Anna Stapleton, Judith Jones, Ben Crawford, Jerry Niles, Isabel Berney, Carolyn Rude, Wendy Baldwin, Joy Herbert, Thais Beams, Hugh VanLandingham, Lisa Moose, Leslie Pendleton, Jeananne Dixon, Pat Ballard, Jennie Reilly, Kai Duncan, Todd Solberg

President Don Creamer opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of September 1, 2020 board meeting were approved with correction to add Kai Duncan to list of attendees.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat Ballard reports that chapter has received applications for some new members, otherwise there has been little activity

State and Chapter Awards:

- Chuck Burress reports:
 - Ben Crawford to receive the AARP Virginia "Chapter Advocacy Award 2020"
 - Lisa Moose to receive the AARP Virginia "Rookie of the Year Award 2020"
 - Jerry Niles to receive the AARP "Gordon Morton Award 2020"
 - Annual Blacksburg AARP Chapter Award recipients are:
 - Isabel Berney "Community Spirit Award 2020"
 - Leslie Pendleton "Chapter Service Award 2020"
 - "First Responders" community award has not been detailed since September Board Meeting. Board members suggested placing newspaper ad thanking all "First Responders..."
 - **DECISION:** Announce in newspaper Blacksburg AARP Chapters' thanks to "First Responders" for helping Senior Citizens in 2020. Chuck will follow-up with newspaper and further discuss with Terry Wildman

Newsletter:

- Carolyn Rude reports November newsletter will feature themes of Veterans and AARP Awards.
- November newsletter will also feature Tax Aid as a highlight of 2020, Veteran's Cemetery and Food Drive activities
- Carolyn plans to publish 2020 annual report in December
- Carolyn requests highlights for this year's annual report

Care Committee Plans – Outreach to Chapter Members:

- Leslie Pendleton reports:
 - Planning January mailing outreach to Chapter members (current and new)
 - AARP Blacksburg Chapter “Coffee Talks” online discussion group concept by Jerry Niles, is planned for the fourth Tuesday of each month in 2021 for membership follow-up discussions based on Program presentations and other topics
 - Jennie Reilly and Leslie Pendleton successfully organized Blacksburg AARP Chapter to participate in drive-by parades for National Assisted Living week
 - Todd Solberg suggests outreach to members to participate via Zoom

Slate of Officers and Board Members 2021 (Leadership Development):

- Jerry Niles reports:
 - Leslie Pendleton to serve as President in 2021
 - Lisa Moose to serve as Vice President in 2021
 - Pat Ballard to continue to serve as Treasurer in 2021
 - Terry Wildman to serve as Secretary in 2021
 - New 2021 Board Members: Todd Solberg and Tom Hohenshil
- Will announce this slate of officers during the October meeting and open request for additional nominations from Chapter members
- Leslie Pendleton will plan to appoint 2021 committee chairs as next Chapter President

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

- Wendy confirms that the event on May 5, 2021 is planned and Wendy is beginning to reach out to exhibitors

Monetary Contributions Committee Reports:

- Pat Ballard reports that we have approximately \$2400 to distribute to non-profits in 2020 and will prepare distribution decisions/proposal and announce during the November Board Meeting

Program Plans by Zoom:

- Judith Jones reports Becky Coffey (who plays the harp) is scheduled to play holiday music during our Chapter’s December program
- Judith discussed programs planned for January through March and requested member input
- Judith will schedule committee Zoom meeting and plan programs for the balance of year 2021

LLI Update:

- Jerry Niles reports that LLI classes have started and are going well with approximately 250 members

Liaison Activities Report:

- Ben Crawford reminds Blacksburg Chapter members to participate in “Let’s Celebrate!” on November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with AARP Virginia for awards ceremony

Health & Wellness Fair, Community Challenge Grant – Veterans Initiative, Care Committee:

- Leslie Pendleton requested Chapter Board Members consider if it is appropriate to plan for Health and Wellness Fair in 2021
- Board recommends further discussion in January 2021

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Moose.