

AARP Board Meeting  
Blacksburg Chapter #2613  
September 1, 2015

In Attendance

Terry Wildman  
Don Creamer  
Pat Ballard  
Sally Anna Stapleton  
Angela Little  
Jennie Reilly  
Leslye Bloom  
Nola Elliott  
Carolyn Rude  
Pat Hyer  
Joy Herbart  
Jerry Niles  
June Schmidt  
Thais Beams  
Tom Alston  
Ben Crawford  
Violet Drake  
Shirley Peterson

Meeting called to order at 10:04am

Agenda was approved

No new announcements added

Minutes from June 2, 2015 Board Meeting were approved, Don Creamer moved for approval, Violet Drake seconded.

Officer Reports:

President: Terry Wildman – no report

Vice President: Don Creamer – no report

Secretary: Sally Anna Stapleton – no report

Treasurer: Pat Ballard

- Pat shared the 'budget verses expenditures for 2015 and the Dollars report for the 'Living Well Conference 2015'. Don Creamer moved to accept budgets, Nola Elliott second approval.

Chapter Business:

Ongoing Business: September 8 Conference

- Pat Hyer announced that there are 175 people registered so far. The Post cards from the state office went out last week. September 2 is the final cutoff for registration to provide a final meal total to VT Inn.

- Jerry Niles spoke to the # of folks that are signing up for the courses at VT. Don Creamer said that AARP will continue to have a presence in the VT Life Long Learning, even after the conference.
- The AARP table at the conference will be manned by Ben Crawford and Sally Anna Stapleton. Ben said we have several things for display and give a ways. Terry Wildman suggested we have flowers to dress up the table (he will provide). Also discussed the need for display table cloth.

#### Ongoing Business: Membership

- Tom Alston provided the Membership report for September 2015. There are 4 new members. Suggestion was made that we have membership forms available at the conference AARP table.
- There was discussion about how to attract more diversity within the chapter.

#### New Business: Health Fair Planning

- Jennie Reilly and Angela Little were in attendance to share Health Fair information. Jennie said that the VCOM location had been lost due to the fact that they are using that for classrooms now. Tammy at the Christiansburg Rec Center has offered that facility at no cost. Currently have not scheduled a final date as yet because the VCOM students will still be helping with the Health Fair and we need to know their availability. Tentatively they are looking at September 14, 2016. The Health Fair Committee will be meeting September 2, 2015.
- There was discussion that we might have workshops at the Health Fair.

#### New Business: Warm Hearth Event

- The Blacksburg chapter donated \$500. to Warm Hearth for their 'Cheeseburger In Paradise' event to be held on September 25, 2015 from 7-10pm. The chapter was given 4 tickets by Warm Hearth, these will be distributed to board members. Tickets to the event are \$35.00.

#### New Business: AARP Dinner Program

- Program Chairman Leslye Bloom said there will be a dinner held on Thursday, October 13, 2015 from 4-7pm at the Golden Corral in Christiansburg. The purpose of dinner is to attract new members to AARP and to provide atmosphere for people to socialize and learn about local and state AARP. Mugs and AARP material will be provided.

#### New Business: Chapter Advisory Comm

- Terry Wildman will spear head this new committee to discuss new ideas and best practices on looking ahead to better serve the 50+ group. Don Creamer said this committee was talked about last year, but with so many other things going on it was kind of put on the back burner.
- The Diversity issue is one of the first things this committee should discuss. Also, ways to better the chapter within the community.
- Discussion was conducted as to where to pull members to serve on this committee; suggestions were: Retired Teachers Assoc., Community Rec. Center Leaders. Also, Ray Van Dyke and Charles Warren have already agreed to participate.

#### New Business: Chapter Calendar

- Don Creamer shared the Annual Planning Calendar 2015-2016 that he and Terry Wildman have put together to identify and ensure that each month the board officers and members have a snap shot of what is coming up and what activities and events need to be addressed.
- Don asked that the board members take a look at the calendar and let Don or Terry know if anything needs to be added.

### Liaison Reports:

AARP Virginia: Ben Crawford:

- AARP State is supporting a Candidate Forum on October 15.
- Ben spoke to the candidates attending the Chapter Meeting in October.
- Ben Crawford, Leslye Bloom, Nola Elliott and Brian Jacks visited all the congressional officers in Richmond last month to share the AARP position on certain issues such as Home Care and Senior Services.

TOB Senior Center: Joy Herbert:

- Joy shared that she will be providing a bus to take people from the Blacksburg Center to the conference at VT Inn next Tuesday.
- Also asked if the board knew when the next Drivers Safety class was, she had left a message for Cecil but had not heard back from him.

VTRA: June Schmidt:

- June announced that John Hillison is now the Chairperson for VTRA. The next meeting is September 16, 2015.

Driver Safety: Cecil McBryde:

- It was shared that there is a Drivers Safety course being held in October. It was published in the CRC brochure. Tom Alston made the commitment that the course can be taken online through the AARP web site.

### Committee Reports:

Awards: OPEN

- Don Creamer made the comment that because we do not have Awards Committee volunteers, the chapter missed submitting names to the State Office for this year's awards.

Community Service: Sally Anna Stapleton

- Sally Stapleton provided information on the upcoming Food Drive. Volunteers that have offered their time to help are: Don Creamer, Tom & Paula Alston, Carolyn & Don Rude, Angela Little, Shirley Peterson, Terry Wildman, Pat Hyer, Jerry Niles and Thais Beams.
- Food Drive will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 11am to 4 pm at the Main Street Kroger in Blacksburg. Food will be donated to the Interfaith Pantry in Blacksburg and MCEAP Food Bank Christiansburg.

Caring: Violet Drake

- Violet shared those folks she had sent cards to over the past three months.

Conference: Pat Hyer / Don Creamer

- Information shared

Finance: June Schmidt

- No report

Health: Jennie Geilly, Cathy Jackobs & Angela Little

- Information shared

History: Sally Anna Stapleton

- No report

Hospitality: Thais Beams

- Currently working on the chapter Christmas party to be held at Warm Hearth.

Legislative: Alison Galway / Val Coluni

- Report is on the Chapter website

Membership: Tom Alston

- There will be a membership drive at the Blacksburg Library on October 10 from 2-4pm.
- All other Information shared

Newsletter: Carolyn / Don Rude

- October newsletter needs to have information within the next week. Carolyn & Don are leaving for vacation. Provide them with as much information as possible by Friday.

Program: Ben Crawford

- Ben shared the remaining programs scheduled for 2015.

Public Relations: Terry Wildman / Don Rude

- No report

Website: Don Creamer

- No report

Meeting Adjourned at 11:54am

Minutes submitted September 3, 2015 by Sally Anna Stapleton