

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613
Board Meeting
September 6, 2016

In Attendance: Don Creamer, RB “Ben” Crawford, Pat Ballard, Sally Anna Stapleton, Shirley Peterson, Pat Hyer, Wendy Baldwin, Thais Beams, Jerry Niles, Carolyn Rude, Violet Drake, June Schmidt, Ryan Martin, Joy Herbert, Wanda Smith, Peter Magolda, Ray VanDyke, Terry Wildman, Tom Alston

Call To Order 10:02AM

Officer Reports/Announcements:

Memorandum of Understanding between AARP and LLI was reviewed. Jerry Niles had approved the proposed draft that was sent out to board members before the board meeting and board members were asked to discuss and approve. This MOU will create a partnership account between AARP Blacksburg Chapter and LLI at Virginia Tech which will enable joint fundraising events between the two. The board approved the MOU with some minor changes.

Don introduced a fundraising event that he would like to begin working on for October. It would be a social gathering held at a local Winery open to AARP Members, LLI Members and anyone interested in attending. Ben Crawford made a motion to partnership with LLI and begin to put forth the plans for the first fundraising event based on the MOU. Wendy Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Chamber of Commerce: The AARP Blacksburg Chapter has been invited to join the local Chamber of Commerce. Don Creamer is attending a meeting on September 9 to find out details. There is a cost to join. There was a short discussion on the advantages.

Approval of June Board Minutes: Minor changes to the Chapter Minutes were noted by Pat Hyer and Thais Beams. Sally Anna Stapleton made a motion to accept, Shirley Peterson seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Report of the Treasurer: Pat Ballard reviewed the monthly treasurer’s report. Pat stated that the all the bills that she had received were paid and up to date. Thais Beams said she still had some outstanding bills from the picnic and Terry Wildman said he still had the bill for the tent rental. Pat asked them both to get those bills to her as soon as possible. Pat said the we currently had \$13K, of which \$8K was for the Health and Wellness Fair. Wendy Baldwin made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Terry Wildman seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Old and New Business

Health and Wellness Fair Final Plans: Wendy Baldwin provided an overview of the final plans in place for the Fair. There will be 125 exhibitors, all of whom have been contacted. Flyers and publication have been distributed to local pharmacies, newspapers, and radio stations to get the word out. The board voiced a debt of gratitude to the committee for all the hard work that has gone into the fair.

Nominating Committee Report for Board/Officer Members 2017 met in August and the following Officers and Members were put forth for approval: Officers; President: Terry Wildman, Vice President: Wendy Baldwin, Secretary: Pat Hyer, Treasurer: Pat Ballard. Members: Peter Magolda, Jim Montgomery, Franklin Moreno, Wanda Smith, and Tamara Hodsden. Jerry Niles said that Franklin Moreno said that he would only accept the nomination to the board if he did not have to be a National AARP Member; this led to much discussion about the By Laws and whether a chapter board member was required to be a national member. There was also a discussion about changing the length of time that an Officer would hold the office on the board. A suggestion was made that the President and Vice President serve a 2 year term. Also a suggestion was made to change the certain sections within the By Laws based on the suggestions. The decision was made to table the nomination approval until such time that Don Creamer could look into the Nation/State and Local requirements based on the suggestions that have been made. This will be redressed at October Board Meeting.

Driver Safety: The board has been unsuccessful in obtaining a local member to oversee and teach the Driver Safety Committee and Classes. There will be a Driver Safety class held at the Giles Co. Senior Center on October 27 & 28 from 1-5 and 9-1.

Holiday Luncheon: Thais Beams asked where we would like to have this years Christmas Lunch, Warm Hearth, Custom Catering or some other venue. Everyone agreed that Warm Hearth would be the best location. Dates for the event were discussed, the board suggested December 13, if Warm Heath could accommodate us on that date. Thais said that she would check with Warm Hearth on availability.

Chapter Awards: Education, Advocacy, and Service: Don Creamer said that he had discussed with other board members and submitted the Blacksburg Chapter for the State Education, Advocacy, and Service Award to be announced at the All-Volunteer Assembly in December. All State award nominations are due September 30.

Social/Fundraising Idea: Addressed in *Memorandum of Understanding* See above.

Committee Reports

AARP Virginia Liaison – Ben Crawford: Ben handed out the Federal Advocacy issues. (See posted on Chapter web site). Ben also asked for volunteers to sponsor Presidential Watch Parties. This requires a group of people gathering someplace to watch the debates and report back to the Federal Advocacy their take on the events. This would include debates held on September 26, October 4, 9, & 19.

Awards – Shirley Peterson: Shirley reported that she and Nola Elliott have selected nominations for the Chapter Awards 2016. The Service Award nomination is Jerry Niles. The Spirit Award nomination is Sally Anna Stapleton. Terry Wildman made a motion to accept these nominations, Wendy Baldwin second the motion. The motion was passed.

Community Service – Sally Anna Stapleton: Sally Anna announced that the annual Food Drive for 2016 will be held on September 25 from 11am – 3pm at the Main Street Kroger. Volunteers are needed to work any of the four hours. Information is in the September newsletter, please call her to volunteer. Sally Anna also announced that the annual Supplies for Seniors Walk-A-Thon will be held on October 20 from 10-1 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. Please obtain sponsor sheets from RSVP and come and walk for the cause.

DBI Membership – Wendy Baldwin: Wendy announced that there is now an APP that can be down loaded onto your smartphone that will give discounts to a lot of the downtown Blacksburg restaurants.

LLI Partnership – Pat Hyer/Don Creamer: Pat announced that registration for classes for LLI begins September 7, 2016.

Newsletter: Carolyn Rude said the September newsletter will be out this week. She stated that all contributions and ideas are welcome.

Programs: Program for October will be a presentation on the Timebank or Health Exercise. November will be a presentation from VCOM.

TOB/BCC: Joy Herbert stated that the BCC catalog is out and registration is open.

VTRA Liaison: June Schmidt stated that the Fall lunch will be held on October 6.

Adjournment: 11:44AM

Minutes submitted by Sally Anna Stapleton, September 19, 2016.