

**AARP Blacksburg Chapter
Minutes**

November 3, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference

Attendees:

Don Creamer, Chuck Burress, Sally Anna Stapleton, Judith Jones, 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, Tom Hohenshil, Doug Feuerbach, Linda Correll

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

Welcome extended to new Chapter Board Members.

Minutes of October 6, 2020 board meeting were approved with spelling corrections.

Chapter Website Online Payments:

Recent website activities include \$135 in membership renewals, and \$345 in donations.

Board will start membership renewal promotion activities in newsletter and online this month.

Chapter December 15, 2020 Celebration:

Discussed how to organize online event and manage distribution of awards for December celebration. Harpist Becky Coffey will play music at the beginning of the meeting while members are gathering online. Chuck will announce the Chapter awards. Don will develop script outline for this event for Chapter Board to review during December Board Meeting.

Veteran's Cemetery Ceremony:

Judith confirmed that the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery Volunteers will lay approximately 1,500 wreaths on December 12, 2020 at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The SWVAVCV website provides additional details: swvavcv.org

State and Chapter Awards:

- Chuck will draft language for newspaper ad to announce "First Responders" community award and share with Board during December Board meeting. The proclamation will be read during the upcoming December celebration.

Newsletter:

- Carolyn requested suggestions for upcoming regional events that may be of interest to our membership and should be included in the upcoming newsletter.

YMCA at VT Video:

Don played video of AARP YMCA Chapter promotion during the YMCA 2020 Craft Fair event.

Care Committee Plans – Outreach to Chapter Members:

- Leslie Pendleton reports:

- Planning January mailing outreach to Chapter members (current and new). Leslie will create sample packet, determine mailing cost and bring proposal to next Chapter Board meeting for Board review.

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

- Jerry Niles will announce Slate:
 - 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

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:

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:

- Need to update Chapter website with January – March 2021 planned Program Presentations

Legislative Committee Report:

- New 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. (Virginia passed two bills adopting and

enhancing the new Federal guidance for Nursing Homes opening facilities to general visitation and for compassionate care situations.)

LLI Update:

- Jerry Niles reports favorable feedback for online LLI courses from participants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Moose.