

AARP Chapter 2613
Board of Directors
April 1, 2014
Board Minutes

Call to Order--President Leslye Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:01.

Officers Present: President Leslye Bloom, Vice President Terry Wildman, Treasurer Pat Ballard, Secretary Virgil Cook

Board Members: Tom Alston, Nola Elliott, John Hillison, Cecil McBride, June Schmidt, Sally Anna Stapleton

Non--Board--Members, Committee Chairs and Appointees: Doris Abraham, Val Coluni, R. B. "Ben" Crawford, Don Creamer, Joy Herbert, Margaret Kates, Jim Wightman

Guest: James King; Tina King

Announcements—The national office has officially listed Jim Montgomery as a designated AARP attorney, entitling an AARP member to 45 minutes of free counseling each year.

Approval of Minutes—Don Creamer moved that the minutes for the March 4 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report--Pat Ballard. Pat pointed out that the full report appears in each, monthly newsletter. The board agreed that the budget comparison should be published in the newsletter quarterly. Don Creamer moved that the March treasurer's report be accepted and that the budget comparisons be published quarterly. The motion passed.

Old Business

Clarification Val Coluni clarified an item in a previous legislative report. A long-term-care policy was canceled for someone who, because of dementia, failed to pay a premium, even though the customer had paid over \$50,000 on the policy. The House of Delegates did not think the issue was one that required a new law. The state Bureau of Insurance has instituted a regulation to ensure better notification.

Jim Wightman noted that the Blacksburg Community Band is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. June Schmidt suggested that an announcement about the anniversary and the April 13 concert be placed in the April newsletter. Sally Anna Stapleton will report on the upcoming concert in the newsletter, indicating that donations will be accepted at that time.

committee Reports

Awards--Doris Abraham. Doris stated her belief that nominations for awards should be sought from both the board and the general membership for honors such as volunteer awards. She would like to solicit nominations at the next, general meeting. Doris also indicated that she

would like for names of award recipients to be recorded. She can find no records of past recipients.

Community Service--Sally Anna Stapleton. Dick Kates would like to come to the April meeting to talk about the upcoming open house for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The store is located on Franklin Street across from the Christiansburg Rec Center. Because the April program is completely full, Mr. Cates will be invited to staff a table at the next, general meeting.

Caring--Margaret Kates. Margaret reported on the number of cards that she sent out during March, including the family of Dorothy Jones, who passed away on March 29.

Virginia Tech Retirees—Margaret Kates. The retirees luncheon will be held on May 8 at 11:30 at Custom Catering. Jim Wightman will speak. On Friday, April 18, there will be a tour of the A.J. residential colleges at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the tour should call Sandy Birch. A tour of the Signature Engineering Building will take place on May 21 at 10:00.

Driver's Ed—Cecil McBride. Cecil listed upcoming courses in Draper, Radford, and Christiansburg.

Hospitality--Nola Elliott. Nola has met with a staff member at Warm Hearth about our holding the Christmas luncheon at their new facility. The board voted to hold the luncheon at Warm Hearth on December 9.

The picnic will take place on June 17 at Nellie's cave Park.

Health Fair--John Hillison. John showed the board a copy of the Fall-Winter edition of the VCOM newsletter. He also distributed a copy of an informational form about the fair for sponsors. There are 120 requests out to potential sponsors. The state office will do mailings for AARP members in the NRV. John pointed out that the chapter's reserve fund is actually Health-Fair money. The 2014 money from the fair should be spent in 2015 and 2016.

History--Leslye suggested that we update the history from 2005. She will help.

Legislation—Val Coluni. The full report is on the chapter Web site. The most important issues are Medicaid-expansion and healthcare bills.

Membership—Tom Alston. We have one new member. There are 27 households that have not paid their 2014 dues. Members were able to account for several of these households.

Programs--Ben Crawford. April 15: Importance of Friends when Aging, Rosemary Blieszner, Associate Director, VT Center for Gerontology. Tabletop special: Send/receive messages without a computer: demonstration by inventor Ean Schiller Ean@PenOut.com

Ben will attend a training session on national legislation issues in Charlottesville on April 16-17.

Publicity--Terry Wildman. Terry showed the group several flyers on chapter programs.

Web Site—Because he had to leave the meeting early, Don Creamer distributed copies of his report, which is available on the Web site.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

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Virgil A. Cook, Secretary