

AARP Blacksburg Chapter
December 5, 2018
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Niles, Peter Magolda, Terry Wildman, Don Creamer, Wendy Baldwin, Val Coluni, Hugh VanLandingham, Pat Hyer, Pat Ballard, Sally Anna Stapleton, Lisa Moose, Doug Feuerbach, Jeanneanne Bame

[A motion to approve the minutes for November 6, 2018 will need to be addressed at the January Board meeting.]

Web payments: The team (Don Creamer, Lisa Moose, and Peter Magolda) continues to work on a shopping cart/reporting function for web payments. They continue to encounter difficulties in implementing the new software, but they are persistent and intend to keep at it until they can make it work as needed.

Program Committee: Rebecca Hester will talk about how genetic technologies change what it means to be human at the January open meeting.

Legislative Report: Val Coluni is writing an article to highlight the egregious "Confession of Judgment" form required by at least one major company; most states have banned these. A missed payment, with the form in force, could lead to immediate repossession of home, car, and other property. Val is also following pipeline issues and prescription drugs, and will report on these in his December report.

LLI: Pat Hyer reminded members of the upcoming Spring 2019 Preview event on December 11, 3:00 at the German Club. LLI will have 27 courses and 25 special events featured. The spring catalog is in the hands of the graphic designer and will be mailed January 2. Jerry Niles expressed appreciation for the on-going management of LLI revenue and expenses through AARP account, allowing LLI to do some enhanced programming. LLI is developing documentation of estimated value of volunteer instruction, venue fees, and other in-kind support. LLI is working toward a separate 501c3 status (while remaining connected to VT.)

Treasurer's Report: Pat Ballard reported that the reconciliation of Health Fair finances will be finished shortly. She will turn over information for the annual audit in January to the chapter Audit Committee.

Volunteer Committee: Sally Anna Stapleton shared the gracious thank you note from the Area Agency on Aging for the pet food donations. Donations will be distributed with the Meals on Wheels deliveries this coming week. Almost 60 bags of food were gathered and delivered to the Food Pantry. Sally Anna recommends that we try quarterly donations at the meeting rather than collecting at Krogers, probably featuring collections for Micah's backpack, Mother's Day,

and pet food. Pat Ballard will send a note to Carolyn Rude about additional thank you notes received through the post office box; Carolyn can acknowledge their receipt in the newsletter.

Membership Committee: Jerry will be addressing the need for a new membership chair and better coordination of new member information for mass email list and other purposes. Wendy Baldwin will follow up with Ryan Martin about his advocacy role.

Hospitality: The Board appreciated the new nametags for the holiday luncheon arranged by Terry Wildman and Sue Magliaro. AARP and LLI will co-host a Bluegrass and BBQ event on April 24 at the German Club. The AARP Chapter annual picnic is tentatively scheduled for June 18 at the home of Terry Wildman and Sue Magliaro. Details to be decided. Thais Beams will continue with refreshments at open monthly meetings.

Don Creamer recommends that we find a way to connect the new state AARP President to our chapter.

Sally Anna recommended that committee chairs be urged to attend Board meetings so that their work is better connected to overall chapter goals and activities.

In completing her term as chapter president, Wendy Baldwin expressed appreciation for the service and engagement of Board members. She noted that members have stepped up to make contributions large and small, making her role as president both possible and enjoyable.

The January Board meeting will take place on **January 8.**

Minutes prepared by Pat Hyer and submitted December 5, 2018.