

AARP Blacksburg Chapter
January 8, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Jerry Niles, Don Creamer, Val Coluni, Judith Jones, Terry Wildman, Wendy Baldwin, Sally Anna Stapleton, Lisa Moose, Ben Crawford, Leslie Pendleton, Sandy Birch, Ryan Martin, Doug Feuerbach, Jeananne Dixon-Bame, Isabel Berney

Jerry Niles expressed sorrow for the sudden death of Peter Magolda. Marcia Baxter Magolda said that Peter did not want any service; hence none has been scheduled. She is receptive to having AARP make some recognition of his service. Several collages might be made of his photos and placed in nice frames and hung at Warm Hearth Village Center, the Blacksburg Rec Center, and another place in town.

Jerry welcomed new board members – Doug Feuerbach, Leslie Pendleton, Judith Jones, and Lisa Moose. He announced the newsletter is ready to be mailed.

Minutes for November and December 2018 board meetings were approved.

Treasurer's report: The books are ready for the audit at the end of January. June Schmidt will organize the audit committee. John Hillison and Doug Feuerbach volunteered to serve. Jerry would like to join the group as an observer because it also serves as the budget committee.

Announcements:

- Jim Montgomery has his prothesis and hopes to be back in February.
- The monthly meeting is next week, program starts at 11:50 with Karen Roberto who wants to recruit subjects for a study on balance.
- Sandy will hold the annual memorial service in February for members who have died during the past year. She read her list so as not to miss any body. Several names were added. Peter will be added since his death is so recent.

Chapter membership: Oversight of chapter membership was going to transfer to Peter Magolda. Ryan and Peter worked on the process to convert membership records to another data base in December. Peter had it ready to go. Marcia Baxter Magolda passed the electronic file to Don Creamer after Peter's death. He needs software to open it. Jerry will assume the membership task. When members join or renew, the software will generate a letter thanking them for joining or recognizing their renewal. Coreen Mett is willing to serve as membership chair. The treasurer, membership chair, president, and mail chimp person are all tied into this new database.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning what member information is shared with board members – just names or names and contact information? What about sharing the list with members? We agreed there should be two separate listings for partners with different last names.

Contact information for committee chairs and board members is on website already. A members' list is needed to contact members and for keeping in touch. We agreed to start with just a list of

members. It was suggested that members' contact information could possibly be on the web on a password protected site. A membership list will be generated for the board's next meeting.

Downtown Blacksburg: Wendy is still working on the need for a public restroom for the Farmers' Market. The mayor supports the project. Steppin' Out activity needs a volunteer to get people there on both days. Sally Anna volunteered to organize it; Wendy will assist. Dates are August 2 and 3.

Wendy Baldwin shared the National Report for 2018 and the requirement that it be reviewed by the Board. Review completed.

Committee assignments: Jerry urged people to select what we want to do and do it at the level we can contribute.

- Membership - Coreen Mett volunteered.
- Program – Judith Jones will be chair; Lisa Moose & Wendy Baldwin will help.
- Website – Don Creamer will continue, but would like a partner. Lisa volunteered. Jerry will announce at next week's meeting that we are looking for another person to help. Judith has an idea for someone.
- Newsletter – Carolyn and Jerry will lead a discussion about the future of the newsletter at the February board meeting.
- Health Fair - Leslie Pendleton will lead; Wendy Baldwin will help. Health Fair must gear up by November 2019. Leslie recommends tying it to the caring committee, both address health issues. Jerry and Leslie will meet to discuss this.
- Vice-chair - Don agreed to serve, but wants someone new to take over. It would be best for the chapter since he has already served in the presidency twice. He asked Board members to think of someone who would serve.

Reports:

- Ben Crawford proposed the Board approve a resolution in support of ending gerrymandering. This needs to be passed by the General Assembly so it can go to voters for a vote on a constitutional amendment by 2021. The Board approved the resolution and it was signed by Ben, Val Coluni, and Jerry. Ben will send it to the governor, speaker of the house and house minority leader; same for the Senate and local legislators.
- The shopping cart function is now available on the web, allowing payments for new membership, membership renewal, donations, and social events. There is a link on the home page; the treasurer automatically gets information she needs.
- Lisa will talk with Marcia Baxter Magolda about how to honor Peter.
- Sally Anna Stapleton said the Feb. food drive will be a normal one. Because of the government shutdown, the need is great. She will announce the drive in the February newsletter.
- Val Coluni explained the Confession of Judgment which is allowed in Virginia by lenders. This is an abusive tool where a person gives up legal rights to all assets.

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