

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613
Board Meeting
November 1, 2016

In Attendance: Don Creamer, RB "Ben" Crawford, Sally Anna Stapleton, Wendy Baldwin, Thais Beams, Jerry Niles, Wanda Smith, Peter Magolda, Val Coluni, Tamara Hodsden, Shirley Peterson, June Schmidt, Joy Herbert, Violet Drake, Pat Hyer, Pat Ballard

Call To Order 10:03AM

Approval of October Board Minutes: Minor changes to the Chapter Minutes were noted by Don Creamer and Pat Hyer. Ben Crawford made a motion to accept, Wendy Baldwin seconded the motion, minutes were approved.

Report of the Treasurer: Pat Ballard was absent at this time, no report was made.

Officer Reports/Announcements: Don Creamer referred to membership report that Tom Alston had sent, currently 295 individual members, 194 family. Don stated that Ryan Martain had originally said he would be taking over the membership responsibilities but as yet had not found time to do so, need to find out if that is still the case.

Old and New Business

Holiday Luncheon: Thais Beams stated that she had met with the director of catering in charge of catering at Warm Hearth. They settled on a menu of Chicken piccata and fixings. The cost will be \$19.00 per person. Thais said there was a \$250.00 room rental charge that she had paid. The deadline for payment to the Holiday luncheon will be December 1, 2016. Don and Thais are working on the 2016 accomplishments list. Don stated that Brian Jacks and Jim Dal had been invited. Board asked Peter Magolda to put together a slide show for the Holiday Lunch.

Charitable Giving Committee Report: This committee will meet right after the Board meeting and Pat Ballard will contact Don Creamer with the details. There has been \$2600 set aside for the charitable giving.

Critique Of White Barrel Winery Event: This event proved to be a great success. There were 44 tickets sold and AARP made \$550 from the event. Don stated that everyone seemed to have a great time. Don said that he, Wendy and Pat B. had gotten together to discuss a separate budget for LLI/AARP events.

Member Nametags at Monthly Meeting: Don asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the chapter nametags previously handled by Jim Wightman. Ben said he would check the AARP Closet. Don will try and contact Jim.

Major Event for 2017: Don Creamer, Wendy Baldwin, Terry Wildman and Ben Crawford met to discuss the 2017 event. Don shared that they came up with the theme of “Age Friendly Communities” and that something should be pursued in this area. Discussion evolved concerning ‘What type of event do we want to present? Who do we want to involve: VCOM, the county, communities, Community Foundation – Aging In Place etc.. Further discussion will continue on this subject.

Wendy Baldwin raised a specific example – the lack of public restrooms in downtown Blacksburg to serve the Farmer’s Market and town events – as one of many ways to create a more age friendly community. Board Members agreed that AARP might advocate for restrooms on behalf of the community. Ben Crawford made a motion for the Chapter to take on this issue; Shirley Peterson seconded the motion. Motion: That the Blacksburg Chapter should advocate building a public restroom in downtown Blacksburg. The motion was approved. A committee will be formed. Wendy Baldwin is taking the leadership on this issue. A letter will be sent to the mayor/town council to initiate discussion.

Committee Reports

AARP Virginia Liaison – Ben Crawford: Ben provided details about the 3rd Thursday Society Meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30AM at the Luci Monroe Coffee Café in Christiansburg. These meetings are put on by the Community Foundation and covered many interesting topics. Suggested the board members should check them out.

Awards-Shirley Peterson: Shirley stated that everything ready for December lunch. Don stated that he had received information about the Governor’s Award. Don, Wendy and Ben had met and would like to nominate Nola Elliott for this award, the board agreed. Don said he would submit paperwork.

Legislative – Val Coluni: Val submitted the November State Legislative Report, please go to Chapter web site for details.

Timebank – Val Coluni: Val attended the 3rd meeting for TB. He stated that they have students from Tech that are also working with the TB.

LLI Partnership – Jerry Niles: Pat Hyer stated that the Spring Catalog will be out in January.

Health Fair – Wendy Baldwin stated that we had net \$5448.41 from the fair.

Programs – Terry Wildman: Program for November will be a presentation on Nutrition by Susan Meacham. December will be our Holiday luncheon.

Adjournment: 11:44AM

Minutes submitted by Sally Anna Stapleton, November 10, 2016.