

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613
Board Meeting
February 2, 2016

In Attendance: Don Creamer, R.B. "Ben" Crawford, Sally Anna Stapleton, Pat Ballard, Wendy Baldwin, Jerry Niles, Shirley Peterson, Terry Wildman, Violet Drake, John Hillison, Cecil McBride, Pat Hyer, June Schmidt, Thais Beams, Ray Van Dyke, Carolyn Rude, Abby O'Farrell (intern), Leslie Roberson(guest), Kathryn Debnar(guest)

Call To Order: 10:02AM

Introductions:

Don Creamer introduced our intern, Abby O'Farrell. Cecil McBride, our resident Diver safety instructor announced he would no longer be teaching those classes and introduced Leslie Roberson, she will be taking Cecil place as soon as she is trained. Don introduced Kathryn Debnar who is the AARP DSP Instructor out of Roanoke, she will be responsible for training Leslie and ensuring that the classes on driver safety meet AARP guidelines.

General Announcements:

- Don Creamer passed around memorial card from the passing of Carl McDaniels wife, Wilda Anna.
- Don also shared the information about an article he came across in the Washington Post, about a gentleman by the name of Dr. Bill Thomas who is doing a tour across the US called "Age of Disruption". Don said that he talked to several of our members, the State office and National Office and have secured this tour to come to Blacksburg. It will take place on April 23, 2016 in the Goodwin Hall Auditorium from 10am – 12pm. Further information will be provided in the newsletter. Pat Hyer moved that we approve this, Pat Ballard second.
- The new membership application is now part of the newsletter and included a donation section so that members have the opportunity to made donations to the chapter. So far \$1000.00 has been donated. A discussion around what we should do with the donation dollars was conducted, board agreed that it would be best to put it toward the April program.
- Don conducted a discussion on the mailing of the newsletter and the possibility of members accessing through the website rather than mailing it. Don said he would send an email to everyone on the hardcopy newsletter 'vs' on line to get folks perspective.
- Don announced that on February 17 at 1pm there would be a presentation put on by the National Council on Aging which would be a forum of Presidential candidates. Don would find out if we could use the German Club to house this presentation.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

- Pat Hyer, Thais Beams and Don Creamer identified minor changes to be made. Terry Wildman made motion on accept minutes with changes Pat Hyer second. Motion passed.

Report of the Treasurer:

- Pat Ballard the budget verses expenditures for 2015.

Officer Announcements:

- None

Old Business / New Business

40th Anniversary plans:

- The suggestion was made that we have the picnic in another location and have it later in the day so that we can have celebrate our 40th anniversary in a bigger way. Don asked Thais Beams to work on that.

Dr. Bill Thomas Event:

- Covered in General announcements

Review and Approval of Budget for 2016:

- June Schmidt and John Hillison presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016, and reviewed the budget verses expenditures for 2015. Ben Crawford made the motion to accept the 2016 budget, Terry Wildman seconded the motion, the board moved to accept.
- June Schmidt and John Hillison presented the Audit of 2015 Financial Records. Jerry Niles made the motion to accept, Terry Wildman seconded the motion, the board moved to accept.

Chapter & REA Unit Awards:

- Don announced that we would not be doing this in 2016

Campus Kitchen Project:

- Don introduced information on this project that is currently being conducted at VT by Perry Martin. He asked Sally Anna Stapleton to look into the project to see if it would be something that the Community Service Committee would want to take on.

Chapter website Design:

- Don Creamer is moving the website to a new editor.

Chapter affiliations with community groups:

- The board is holding this discussion for another time.

Program of Activities:

- Blacksburg Rescue Squad will be presenting in February, In March someone from the VT Vet school will talk to animal/human relationships. April will the April 23 Dr. Bill Thomas tour.

New Driver Safety Coursed Instructor

- Don covered this information in Introductions.

Committee Reports

- AARP Virginia Liaison, Ben Crawford shared information on the 2016 “Guest Dinner” that he and Shirley Peterson will be co-chairing. The dinner will be held on March 21 from 5-7pm at the Hales restaurant. Ben also talked to the new “Take A Stand” national logo.
- Awards, Shirley Peterson shared the announcement that Ben Crawford has been nominated for the “Leading Lights Award”.
- Health Fair, Wendy Balwin said that the committee will have a table at the Radford U. Health Fair on Feb. 25 from 9am – 12pm. Also, Abby had helped the committee put all the information on an Excel spreadsheet.

Adjournment: 12:01pm