

Minutes/Notes

May 3, 2022

Blacksburg Recreation Center

Attendees: Don Creamer, Pat Ballard, Leslie Pendleton, Jerry Niles, Linda Correll, Sue Hossack, John Burton, Susan Terwilliger, Elizabeth Grabau, Joy Herbert.

President Leslie Pendleton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The minutes from the April meeting were considered and approved.

Treasurer: Pat Ballard reported that the Chapter's finances are in good shape and that our obligations have been met.

AARP Chapter Essentials: Don Creamer presented his document on Chapter Essentials for discussion. Leslie Pendleton expressed her concern that new Board members might need something to help clarify their new roles. After much discussion, it was decided to determine if, and how, the Essentials document might be incorporated into, or become a short supplement to, the Chapter's existing Standing Rules. Linda Correll will take the lead on this process.

Disaster Response/Support Services: Ben Crawford's document was presented by Leslie Pendleton. The Board discussed how best to get involved in the issues the document raises without duplicating existing groups that specialize in them. Linda Correll will investigate potential programs to educate the Chapter. Beth Grabau and Susan Terwilliger will reach out to Tina King, Director of the NRV Agency on Aging, about providing relevant Newsletter information.

Online Food Drive: Don Creamer reported on the Online Food Drive. Pat Ballard reported the level of donations at this point. Creamer, Ballard, and Sue Hossack discussed the state of our online donations, dues, etc. system from user input to reporting in a format usable to the Chapter Board members and Officers that need the information. Beth Grabau and Susan Terwilliger will include info on the food drive with a brief statement as to why monetary donations are better than direct donations of food.

Christiansburg Recreation Center: Leslie Pendleton announced two programs of interest coming up in May at the Senior Care Fair that our Chapter should be aware of and wish to attend:

1. Thursday, May 17th from 11:00 – 12:00 Senior Care Center
2. Friday, May 20th from 9:00 – 2:00 Mobile Cancer Screening event

June Picnic Update and Chapter Program: Jerry Niles updated the Board on the progress of the June picnic at the Wildman's. A tent, tables, chairs, etc. have been rented and a decision on a caterer is imminent. Problem: catering requires a knowledge of how many are coming or the chapter is at risk. It was decided to establish a nominal charge, \$10.00 per person with guests

encouraged. This is too late to announce in the newsletter so it will be on the website where fees can be collected. Leslie Pendleton will blast a MailChimp to the Chapter members. After investigation, it is not possible to hold a Chapter Meeting in June and we have never met in August, we will resume meeting in the Fall.

Update on ASRP/BRAA Mural Collaboration: Leslie Pendleton and Linda Correll reported that the Mural Proposal has been approved by the Blacksburg Historic or Design Board (Preservation and Standards). The Chapter will move forward on this under Leslie Pendleton and Linda Correll's leadership.

Habitat for Humanity and Blacksburg Refugee Project: Habitat is in the process of expanding its reach beyond Montgomery County and modifying its approach. We will invite the new Director to speak at one of our programs. Since the discussion was framed in terms of future partnerships, it was decided that we needed to determine more explicitly what a "partnership" means to our Chapter in terms of mutual expectations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00

Submitted by John Burton for Terry Wildman