

## **Blacksburg AARP Board**

### **Minutes/Notes**

January 14.2025

Blacksburg Recreation Center

**Attendees:** Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Ben Crawford, Pat Hipkins, Pat Ballard, Joy Herbert, Jamie McReynolds, and Wilma Dotson.

**Co-President Pat Ballard** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**The Agenda** was **approved** as mailed with changes.

**The minutes of the** January 2025 board meeting minutes were **approved** as posted.

**Treasurer:** Pat Ballard stated that we are in good shape financially and that she is working on the Year-End Report. She circulated a draft of the 2025 budget. After discussion, Ben Crawford moved that the budget be accepted. The motion was seconded and **passed** by voice vote.

**President's Report:** Don Creamer reported that he and Jerry Niles were working on the report for last year which will be posted on our web site.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat reported that we are still closing some last-minute changes. The report will be finished before the January 21<sup>st</sup> deadline to maintain our tax status. It will be posted to our web site when completed.

**National Community Service Award:** Pat asked that members submit nominations to her by e-mail within the next few weeks.

**Possible Different Format for Holiday Luncheon:** Jerry Niles reported that the attendance for this year's Holiday Luncheon was down to 42 people. He thought the cost might be too high and proposed that we change formats to a reception rather than a luncheon. Options were discussed but action was deferred pending further thought and investigation.

**Standing Rules:** Pat asked whether our amended standing rules had been posted. Don said they were up on our site.

**Possible Change to meeting times:** Fred Piercy asked if the group would be better served by meeting from 10:30 – 12:00. After a brief discussion, Fred moved that we make the change. The motion was seconded and **passed**.

**Chairs:** Pat announced that Judith Jones would like to be relieved of making the financial decisions related to our grants and contributions. Volunteers should contact Pat.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Soup for Seniors in Roanoke- Don allowed as how the Soup for Senior was a very big deal. Running for a week or more it collects tons of canned and packaged goods for distribution to seniors. We will send volunteers to staff the project for a morning.

Expanding Board by Inviting Partners - Don led a brief discussion about using our partners to increase our board membership and perhaps our membership. In the past we have had board members from other groups such as the NAACP.

*Community Challenge Grant*- Don announced that the Community challenge grants are being solicited and the format for proposals are on-line. AARP cannot submit a grant but can partner with government agencies and others.

**Committee Chairs:**

Social Committee- Susan Baker will join Terry Wildman as Co-Chair of the Social Committee. She will replace him over time.

LLI – Jerry Niles announced that there will be a social at the Eastern Divide on 22 Jan.

Leadership- There will be a leadership discussion on 11 March.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:35**