

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613
Board Meeting
October 4, 2016

In Attendance: Don Creamer, RB "Ben" Crawford, Sally Anna Stapleton, Wendy Baldwin, Thais Beams, Jerry Niles, Wanda Smith, Peter Magolda, Terry Wildman, Sandy Birch, Tina King, Val Coluni, Tamara Hodsden

Call To Order 10:02AM

Don Creamer introduced Tamara Hodsden as a new Board Member for 2017. Welcome Tamara.

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

Report of the Treasurer: Pat Ballard was absent from the meeting. Don Creamer noted that the donations portion of the member application has brought in over \$1700. A Contribution to Warm Hearth was made to support their fund raising evening.

Officer Reports/Announcements: Don Creamer stated that there had been no volunteers to support the Presidential Watch Party for Take A Stand.

Old and New Business

Remove Motion from table concerning requirement for membership in AARP for service on chapter BOD: Don Creamer said that this had been researched through State and National and consensus is that it is a nonissue. In order to be a chapter member an individual must be a National member. Also the discussion from last board meeting concerning changing the length of time an Officer would hold the office on the board will remain the same and the By Laws would not be changed. Wendy Baldwin made the motion to remove this motion, Terry Wildman seconded the motion, so carried.

Membership in COC: Don Creamer said that he met with Isaac Rife, Membership Director for COC and after a lengthy discussion Don did not feel that there was a significant incentive to join.

Evaluation of 2016 Health and Wellness Fair: Wendy Baldwin provided an overview of fair results: 130 exhibitors, 450+ visitors, 40 hearing tests given, do not currently have a complete count of how many flu vaccines were given, everyone said that the

food was great; Sandy Birch did a wonderful job, music for exercise classes were too loud, and parking was a complaint even with shuttle buses. Wendy stated that they could not have done what was done without the support and help of VCOM and their staff. Lisa Leichner was wonderful to work with and the students that helped were invaluable. Wendy said that the Health Fair Committee was meeting this afternoon and she would have more information next board meeting.

This led to a discussion on what we would like to do in 2017. Don Creamer has taken the initiative to talk to some of the members about possibility doing a Fair on Technology. The biggest problem will be the location. Don asked members to think about ideas and get back with him. Don indicated that this might be an opportunity to partnership with LLI in an area that they would not ordinarily get involved in. Also, discussion was conducted on Charitable donations for 2016. Don put together a committee.

Finalize MOU: Don Creamer had board review the MOU with LLI, all approved. Don had Jerry Niles sign it.

Holiday Luncheon: Thais Beams met with the gentleman in charge of catering at Warm Hearth. He provided menus which Thais reviewed. We agreed that last years menu was great but, Turkey was not one of the meats they were offering this year (Thais will find out why). We provided our preference and Thais will go back to him and finalize the menu. Prices have gone up and we discussed if the price of the lunch per person should be raised. Sandy Birch made a suggestion they we raise the price to \$20. Per person and Thais can use that as her basis for negotiating the final menu with Warm Hearth.

Social/Fundraising Idea: Don Creamer has organized our first Fundraising event in partnership with LLI. It will be held at the White Barrel Winery on October 28, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00pm. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. You can buy tickets at: <http://tinyurl.com/jrgpkyf>

Committee Reports

AARP Virginia Liaison – Ben Crawford: Ben Crawford suggested that all board members take a look at and become familiar with the BY Laws. Ben stated that Don Creamer was recommended to State for the Andrus Award, to date the board has not heard back from State regarding the final decision. Ben stated that the State Advocacy committee will be taking the “Take A Stand” board up to Richmond in November. We still need more signatures, it will be placed at our Member Meeting on October 18.

Community Service – Sally Anna Stapleton: Sally Anna announced that we collected 500+ pounds of food at the September 25 Food Drive. Food was taken to

Interfaith Food Pantry in Blacksburg and MCCMP Food Bank in Christiansburg. Thank you to Shirley Peterson and Ruth Anne and Jerry Niles for helping. Sally Anna also handed out sponsorship forms for the annual Supplies for Seniors Walk-A-Thon being held on October 20 from 10-1 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

TimeBank (new committee) Val Coluni chairperson: Val will be attending a luncheon put on by the TimeBank. They will also be our speaker at the Oct 18 Member Meeting.

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

LLI Partnership – Jerry Niles: Jerry said the classes had started this week and that attendance was up from Fall 2015.

Programs – Terry Wildman: Program for October will be a presentation on the Timebank. November will be a presentation on Nutrition.

Adjournment: 11:54AM

Minutes submitted by Sally Anna Stapleton, October 11, 2016.