

Minutes/Notes

February 7, 2023

Blacksburg Recreation Center

Attendees: Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, Leslie Pendleton, Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Pat Hipkins, Nola Elliot, Joy Herbert, Beth Grabau, Wilma Dotson, Judith Jones.

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

The minutes of the January 2023 board meeting were considered and approved.

Finances: Jerry Niles presented the Fiscal Review report. Jerry began by noting how very lucky we are to have Pat Ballard as our Treasurer. He stated that he and Nola Elliot had spent an afternoon with Pat working on the review. Nola and Jerry found Pat's records to be in excellent shape and easy to work through. Jerry presented highlights of the AARP Chapter report for 2022, to-be-submitted to AARP.

- We take in twice as much revenue in contributions (\$3,200) than we do in dues.
- Our income exceeds expenses, and we have a balance of \$14,247.93.
- In addition, we have \$2,236 in unassigned monies originally marked for Leading Lights, Big Give, Bulk Mail, and Zoom. The Chapter donated \$3,450 to local charities.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the Fiscal Report as presented.

Nola and Judith suggested that we find a way to re-reimburse Pat for her expenses related to her work as Treasurer. Leslie will approach her. It was agreed that Leslie also has expenses in her job as President and other Board members also have expenses from time-to-time.

There was a discussion as to whether we should continue to support Leading Lights (\$250.00). After a short discussion, Nola moved that we continue to support Leading Lights at \$250.00. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Prior to the meeting, Ben Crawford informed Leslie that he nominated Judith Jones to be our Leading Lights nominee. During the meeting, Judith acknowledged that Ben had informed her of his nomination. Leslie requested Board members to submit comments for a possible support letter and set a deadline of Friday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Leslie raised a request submitted to Don for a donation in support the United Way April 16th Remembrance Golf Tournament to be held on April 14.

Fred questioned how such requests for donations from the chapter are/should be handled. He suggested they go through the Community Service Committee to be supported (or not) and prioritized.

Fred moved that we send this request (and all such others) to Judith's Community Service Committee to be supported and prioritized. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Events: Leslie presented a summary of upcoming events and requests for volunteers.

- *Feb 9.* Soup for Seniors, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Church of Peter and St Paul in Roanoke. Leslie and Don will go.
- *Feb 15.* Black History Month, a tour of the Harrison Museum of African American Culture, Center in the Square, 2nd floor of 1 Market Square, Roanoke. Leslie, Don, and Wilma will go.
- *March 7.* Board meeting, lunch, and meeting with District Director and staff in Morgan Griffith's office. Ben, Leslie, Don, and maybe Jerry will go.
- *March 7.* Adult Health and Wellness Fair, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Radford Recreation Center. Wilma volunteered to go. Leslie agreed to find another person to volunteer with her and retrieve AARP VA publications from our storage closet.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter. Fred said the Newsletter is out and another is planned for April. Fred and Pam plan to do some short interviews such as one with Wilma about membership. They also plan write-ups about events, charitable giving, and organizations of interest to the membership.

Programs. Pat announced that the Spring is completely scheduled.

Community Service. Judith presented a very comprehensive document generated by the committee (Judy, Pat, and Leslie) of the issues, discussion points, ideas, and membership involvement initiatives.

Membership activities and data. Leslie presented the list of members who had been sent postcards to see if they want printed newsletters. There were only three responses, and many cards were returned as undeliverable.

Leslie also presented a list of members who had not yet paid 2023 dues. The list contained duplications, deceased members, spouses who were listed as delinquent (when they were not), spouses that were not listed, etc. This information was obtained from our Member Master database, indicating that the lack of accuracy in member information is a recurring issue. There was a lot of discussions, but few recommendations for long-term solutions.

In an effort to begin to clean up the database and get accurate member information, Judith moved that we set a deadline of the end of February each year at which time members who have not paid due for the current year will be dropped. Fred and Beth recommended that members be sent more than one reminder about past dues since they and others tend to need reminders. John noted that membership issues need to be resolved as the topic has occupied a large percentage of Leslie's time as well as the discussion at many board meetings. No specific actions were explicitly taken, and it was, in effect, tabled.

Wilma briefly described the activities she has been engaged in over the last month to inform various local groups and seniors about our chapter.

Time ran out before Don could report on the AARP Office of Volunteer Engagement's webinar on "Successful recruiting: Plow, plant, prosper." The discussion was postponed to the March Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52