

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613  
Board Meeting  
June 7, 2016

**In Attendance:** Don Creamer, Pat Ballard, Sally Anna Stapleton, Shirley Peterson, Pat Hyer, Wendy Baldwin, Thais Beams, Jerry Niles, Carolyn Rude, Violet Drake, June Schmidt, Ryan Martin, Joy Herbert, Wanda Smith, Peter Magolda, visitor, Mac McCloud.

**Call To Order** 10:01AM

**Announcements:** Don Creamer introduced Mac McCloud. New to Blacksburg, he is a retired Navy Officer. Taught at the University of Michigan and is now happy to start a new chapter in his life in Blacksburg.

**Approval of May Board Minutes:** Minor changes to the Chapter Minutes were noted by Pat Hyer and Thais Beams. Pat Ballard made a motion to accept, Pat Hyer seconded the motion, Minutes were approved.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Pat Ballard reviewed the monthly treasurer report. Pat stated that the Bill Thomas Event ended up costing the chapter \$176.72 due to donations. Also the chapter has received a \$600.00 donation toward the picnic. Pat said that the chapter has made a \$500.00 donation to Warn Hearth toward the Cheeseburger event. Sally Anna Stapleton made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Wendy Baldwin second the motion. Motion was passed.

**Old and New Business**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic Update:** Thais Beams stated that the plans for the picnic are all coming along great. So far 49 people have signed up to attend the picnic. Thais had questions about getting the chicken from Due South, all her questions were answered. Pat Hyer sent a list around of everyone who had signed up and stated that there were still rsvp's coming in.

**State Advocacy Assignment:** Don Creamer announced that Val Coluni has resigned as the State Advocacy. He will remain as Committee Chair of State Legislative. Don as asked board members to suggest anyone they may know that would be interested in replacing Val as State Advocacy.

**Habitat For Humanity Report:** Don Creamer met with Shelley Fortier, Executive Director of Habitat For Humanity. Don is looking for the board to help create a group of ambassadors to serve as spokes people for HFH. This is in conjunction with the

presentation from last month pertaining to the New River Valley Timebank. Don also stated that the HFH is looking for volunteers in their various projects. Don indicated that as our chapter becomes community involved we should try and impact as much of the community as possible. Wanda Smith suggested that we come up with a list for what community activities we get involved in. Don and Wendy Baldwin spoke to our chapter's involvement in Downtown Blacksburg and some of the changes to events that have taken place.

**NRV Timebank representative:** Val Coluni has volunteered to work with the NRV Timebank.

**CFNRV Connection:** Pat Hyer is a new board member for the Community Foundation.

## **Committee Reports**

**Chapter/LLI Partnership:** Pat Hyer stated that the Fall term LLI program has been finalized. It will include 24 approved courses and a Road Scholar trip to Cuba. LLI has engaged in a partnership with Smithfield. On November 16, Brian Jacks will be presenting a class on Life Reimagined.

**Health Fair:** Wendy Baldwin stated that things were right on track. The chapter will have a booth at the Steppin' Out Fair. Ray Van Dyke could not provide enough time to help in publicity, so Wendy said they still needed help in that area. Pat Ballard and Shirley Peterson offered to make phone calls. Wendy asked chapter members that are members of churches that have buses, if they would approach clergy and ask if their church would shuttle church members to the Health Fair. By June end there will be posters that can be distributed to business in the area.

**Legislative:** Allison Galway has taken herself off the Legislative Committee until after the Presidential election is over; due to her political involvement.

**Membership:** Don Creamer presented the Membership Report. Deleted members are 28 individuals, 17 households. There have been 4 new members added. Don stated Tom Alston was looking for someone to help him on the membership committee. Wanda Smith suggested her husband, Vernard Harrington. Don will pass the information on to Tom.

**Newsletter:** Carolyn Rude said the June newsletter will be in mailboxes this week. She stated that all contributions and ideas are welcome. There will not be a newsletter in July or August.

**Programs:** Program for October and November are TBD. There was a suggestion made that Ed Swell be contact to present information on his course.

**Social Media:** Peter Magolda stated that the Facebook site is up and running. He said that they thought the site should be used to connect with people and resources such as travel, food, education, and health and wellness and strengthen relationships with other organizations. The committee will rely on members to post relevant information.

**TOB/BCC:** Joy Herbert stated that the BCC catalog for Fall will be out soon.

**VTRA Liaison:** June Schmidt stated that the Spring lunch held on May 5 was a great success. They will be sponsoring a scholarship program for next year.

**Adjournment:** 11:41AM

Minutes submitted by Sally Anna Stapleton, June 9, 2016.