

AARP Blacksburg Chapter 2613  
Board Meeting  
May 3, 2016

**In Attendance:** Don Creamer, Pat Ballard, RB “Ben” Crawford, Sally Anna Stapleton, Shirley Peterson, Val Coluni, Pat Hyer, Wendy Baldwin, Terry Wildman, Thais Beams, Jerry Niles, Carolyn Rude, Violet Drake, June Schmidt, Tom Alston, Ryan Martin, Abbey O’Farrell (intern).

**Call To Order** 10:00AM

**9AM-10AM:** Abbey O’Farrell worked with several board members, helping them navigate through Facebook. Thank you Abby!

**Announcements:** Don Creamer talked about the type of things the Chapter has done over the past few years that has involved the Chapter in the community as a segway into the New River Valley TIMEBANK. The New River Valley TIMEBANK is a way to connect people to exchange skills and services. Ellen Stewart presented information about the Timebank and how it will work within the community and how AARP members could be involved. Elizabeth Willis from the Livability Project talked about how they will be involved and how aging in place requires the partnership of several organizations. Shelley from Habitat for Humanity shared how skills and services can be shared. Chapter Role - Don Creamer stated that he feels this chapter can take an active role in the Timebank by signing up with their own expertise and he asked the board members to think about what each of them could offer. Wendy said she would ask Ellen if they would exhibit at our Health Fair.

**Approval of April Board Minutes:** Minor changes were noted to the Chapter Minutes. Shirley Peterson 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 reviewed the dollars spend for the Dr. Bill Thomas event. Pat handed off reconciliation report to June Schmidt. Ben Crawford made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Wendy Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

**Membership:** 33 members were dropped from the chapter for none payment of dues, this amounts to 20 households.

**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. She is concerned about not knowing the # of people that might

attend. It was suggested that the picnic information be updated in the newsletter and members should RSVP their intention of attending the picnic. It was also suggested that Thais prepare a form to hand out at the May monthly meeting asking for attendance choice.

**Critique of Thomas Event:** Feedback was all very positive. Minimum negative feedback on Thomas nursing home comments. There were special accommodations of the total outcome of event. Community members who attended the lunch after the event were able to speak directly to Dr. Thomas and were very positive in their feedback. Cabbot Peterson of Dr. Thomas group stated that they would like to come back to Blacksburg in full forum.

**Social Media Training/Launch:** The Social Media committee has not had a chance to meet since their April meeting. They will meet before next board and bring the information up at next Board meeting.

**Leading Lights Event Chapter Reps:** Leading Lights Awards dinner is being held on April 14. Ben Crawford will be attending along with his wife Carol, as the AARP nomination, Shirley Peterson will be attending as the awards committee nominator and Nola Elliott will be attending as the Chapter Representative.

**NRV Timebank: What is our role?** Addressed

**Update on membership renewals:** Addressed

**June Newsletter Chapter History:** Don Creamer brought up a discussion concerning Chapter history write-up for the June newsletter in association with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After much discussion it was decided that Don would incorporate the chapter history as part of his President 's Column.

## **Committee Reports**

**AARP Virginia Liaison:** Ben Crawford again stated that the book "Disrupted Aging" by Ann Jenkins was worth reading. Ben was unable to go to Washington DC on April 19-20 for the National Advocacy, but noted that it was a success and that advocacy met with Morgan Griffin.

**Chapter/LLI Partnership:** Pat Hyer stated that the Fall term almost final, would include would include 23 approved courses and possibility a Road Scholar trip.

**Health Fair:** Don Creamer stated that Brian Jacks has requested a \$1000. from the State to be earmarked for the Health Fair. Ray Van Dyke is taking over the publicity for the Health Fair.

**Legislative:** Val Coluni presented the Legislative Report. For this information, please go to the chapter website for complete report.

**Programs:** Program in May will be Dr. Jon Antin from the VT Transportation Institute.

**VTRA Liaison:** June Schmidt stated that the Spring lunch will be held on May 5.

**Adjournment:** 11:58AM

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