

**Blacksburg AARP**  
**Board Minutes/Notes**

December 10, 2024

Warm Hearth Village Center

**Attendees:** Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, Pat Ballard, Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Pat Hipkins, Joy Herbert, Wilma Dotson, Jackie Jones, Ben Crawford, Carol Crawford (guest), Sandy Birch.

**CO-President Don Creamer** called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**The minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the November 2024 board meeting was seconded and **passed**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Ballard reports that we are good, and that Jamie McReynolds will begin to transition into the Treasurer's role at the beginning of the year. Jerry Niles will work with her on the Annual Fiscal Report. The Health and Welfare revenue will cover our charitable donations budgeted for the next two years. Half will be distributed at our Holiday Luncheon and half will be deposited into a money market or other interest generating instrument.

**Members Deceased in 2024:** Sandy Birch circulated her list of members that passed away during the past year and asked members to help if they knew of any members that passed away but were missing from the list.

**Pathways to Aging:** Pam Knox and Wilma Dotson reported that the formal project had ended but that we will continue to work with the groups and agencies involved. Much was learned and in some ways the mission may be better served without "Pathways".

**Luncheon Agenda-Tribute to Tina King:** Jerry explained that in addition to our normal awards we can give "special recognition" to deserving people. Jerry recommended Tina King and will present her with a book at the luncheon in honor of that recognition. Knowing that Tina would want to recognize the agency, Jerry will do both.

**Website Review:** Don asked that new pictures be submitted for him to post if deemed necessary. He also asked that people submit any needed changes they found on the current pages. Specifically, he asked for updates on the Advocacy and Legislative Priorities. Jackie Jones said that she had the notes and would get something submitted to Don soon. (She had a great version of the "dog ate my homework" story involving leaving her notes in her car that had to

go in for repairs which took a month so she couldn't get access to the notes, so she was late with her homework).

**Review of Standing Rules:** Don and Jerry made significant changes to the Standing Rules. They tried to preserve the *intent* of the rules without so much detail. They tried to keep the “what” without the “how.” Ben raised a concern about “unbudgeted expenses” being solely under the approval of the president. He proposed a motion that “unbudgeted expenses shall be approved by the Executive Board.” The motion was seconded and **passed**. It was decided to simply drop the other sentence that dealt with unbudgeted expenses. Fred Piercy said that all references to our chapter should use our new name: Blacksburg AARP Chapter 2613. That prompted Pat Hipkin to ask about changing the name to NRV AARP. (We can't just do it, but it was agreed that we should start the process). Pat had a number of editorial changes to be consistent and inclusive of newer groups that we had relationships with. Ben moved that all the editorial changes be made as presented. The motion was seconded and **passed**.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:05**