

Blacksburg AARP Board

Minutes/Notes

February 6, 2024

Blacksburg Recreation Center

Attendees: Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Ben Crawford, Pat Hipkins, Pat Ballard, Joy Herbert, Jamie McReynolds, Wilma Dotson, and Judith Jones.

Co-President Don Creamer called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

The minutes: The January 2024 board meeting minutes were considered and approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

Financial. Jerry Niles presented the Financial Review and the larger Fiscal Documents for the past year that are kept by Pat Ballard including the Treasurer's Report to AARP National (which keeps the IRS at bay). Pat presented and "walked through" the proposed 2024 Budget. A motion to approve the 2024 Budget was passed by vote.

Standing Rules. The Standing Rules, as revised and posted on the chapter website, were approved by voice vote.

New Business:

Announcements.

- Leslie Pendleton will continue to serve on the Pathways Committee.
- Britton Gildersleeve has resigned from the board.
- "Soup for Seniors" will be held in Roanoke on the 7 of Feb. Jerry and Don will represent our chapter.
- Community Challenge Grant proposals will be due soon. This is not "us" *per se* but in partnership with a local group like last year's Mural Project. A possibility might be the "Dolly Parton Imagination Project" with the Imagination Library of Montgomery County.
- The Chapter Awareness Grant may be used for a project to elevate our position in the community.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter. All is well.

Membership activities and data. Jerry discussed membership changes to combat problems with confusion over dues, etc. We will wait until next Fall to make changes in the system.

Programs. Pat Hipkin reported that our program schedule was complete for the Spring. She and Wendy Baldwin will work with the survey results in late Spring or Early Fall to get input on priorities from the membership.

Community Service. There is a drive on for hardcover books with the Christmas Store.

LLI. Jerry reported that LLI continues to recover from the COVID-19 slump. Enrollments are over 350 so far.

Awards: Don announced that the Andrus Awards Nomination process had started. We have two nominees so far. Other awards include Rookie of the Year, Chapter of the Year, etc. as well as our chapter awards For Community Service and Community Spirit.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35