

Minutes/Notes

March 5, 2024

Blacksburg Recreation Center

Attendees: Don Creamer, Terry Wildman, Jerry Niles, Pam Knox, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Pat Hipkins, Joy Herbert, Wilma Dotson, Judith Jones, Pat Ballard, Wendy Baldwin, Debra Markey, Jackie Jones.

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

The minutes: The minutes from the February 2024 board meeting were considered and approved.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report- Pat Ballard reported that with \$250 to Leading Lights and the outstanding bills for the Holiday Luncheon settled, we have around \$9,000 in the bank.

Imagination Library Project- Wendy Baldwin reported that the project is off to an excellent start on fund raising and enrollments (373!). There was some discussion about Ben Crawford's request to consider "sustained sponsorship" of the project and about formal funding/partnership/support, etc. generally with the project. It was decided to *table* any discussion of funding pending the establishment of final definitions for funding levels of support and duration (such as Sustained Sponsorship) from the Project. Also, examination of both resources from the Treasurer and vetting through the Community Services Committee for such things as fit/connection to our mission is necessary. The project has wide support, however.

Community Challenge Grant- Jerry and Don have written a letter of support for the Montgomery County Museum of Art & History proposal to make the new Museum Space more accessible by adding a chair lift between levels.

Report on Tax-Aid Program- Pat stated that the program will likely complete 450-500 tax returns this year with 16 counselors, 4 greeters and 15 staff. They will work at sites around the county.

Update on Health & Wellness Event- Jerry presented Susan Magliaro's report. They have had several meetings; Leslie Pendleton has provided excellent transition materials and support. The event has been set for September 18th from 10:00-2:00 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. They are looking for vendors and advertisers. (sumags@vt.edu)

New Business:

Andrus- Jerry and Don reminded people of Andrus Award Nominations. They will put together a committee since the Awards Committee Chair is vacant.

Chapter Awareness Awards- Don suggested the Health and Wellness Fair be our submission this year. He will begin working on it and is looking for volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Monthly Programs- Pat Hipkin reports no changes to the rest of the year. At the end of this program year, the committee will circulate a list of 20-25 possibilities for next year for the membership to prioritize.

Chapter Social Programs- Don asked that we think about additional social programs beyond our annual Picnic and Holiday Luncheon. The Rising Silo event last year went well for example.

LLI-Jerry reports enrollments are up to 385 and counting.

Newsletter- Fred and Pam report next Newsletter in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26