

## Blacksburg AARP Board

### Minutes/Notes

April 2, 2024

Blacksburg Recreation Center

**Attendees:** Don Creamer, Fred Piercy, John Burton, Jackie Jones, Deborah Martin, Ben Crawford, Judith Jones.

**President Don Creamer** called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and promised that the agenda was short, and that we would finish in one hour.

**The agenda** for the meeting was approved by voice vote.

**The minutes:** The minutes from the March 2024 board meeting were approved by voice vote.

**Finances:** Pat Ballard sent word and Don reported that all of the Chapter bills are paid, and life is good.

#### **Updates and Opportunities:**

*Tax-Aid Program:* Don noted that this program is once again excellent. He praised Pat for her involvement in this program.

*AARP Driver's Education:* Don noted that we currently have no one representing our Chapter in this AARP National Program. There are opportunities to deliver content locally. Ben Crawford has been involved in the program will serve as the contact person. There are other opportunities in a wide range of topic such as decluttering.

*Imagination Library:* Don and Ben reported from Wendy Baldwin's notes that in 30 days, the local project enrolled some 930 children (over 1/3 of the goal for 5 years). Lots of work to enlist donors from both private individuals and businesses is taking place.

*The Chapter Awareness Grant Guidelines:* are due out in May. Don and Jerry Niles will take the lead on the proposal writing team, but the involvement of others would be welcome.

*Dialog on Race:* Don and Ben reported on the Chapter's recent program "Dialog on Race." Don has contacted Brian Jacks from VA AARP to see if they are interested in partnering on something around the topic and local resources.

*Common Ingredients:* Don shared a request from Leslie Pendleton that we give a few minutes before our next Program to the Common Ingredients project. We will allocate five minutes to the group.

#### **Committee Reports:**

*Newsletter:* Fred Piercy reported that they are working with an April 15 deadline for content for a mid-May Newsletter publication.

*Programs:* On schedule for the remainder of the year. Ben Katz will speak on "Maintaining Cognitive Function Through the Lifespan" at our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan Casey will speak at our last meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Health and Wellness:* Judith Jones reports that Susan Magliaro is running the committee well. She has divided the tasks out to subgroups who report to the group. Don reports that the website for registration and payment is online. There is still some question as to when the exact hours will be. They are trying to get Mike Friedlander as the speaker.

*Annual Picnic:* Don reports that the picnic will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. It will not be at Terry Wildman and Susan Magliaro's house because it rains too much there. The picnic will be moved to Smithfield Plantation which is in Blacksburg where the weather is always good.

*LLI:* Jerry Niles was not present, but Don reported that he has attended all the wine tasting courses and will teach a course on Whiskey (scotch) Tasting next session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 exactly one hour from the call to order.