

Minutes
AARP Blacksburg Board

September 16, 2025
Blacksburg Recreation Center

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

Co-President Pat Ballard called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Announcements: Pat Ballard announced that we are still short an Awards Chair. Jackie Jones “volunteered.”

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was **accepted** without comment.

The Minutes: Ben Crawford moved and Fred Piercy seconded that the minutes from the June 2025 board meeting be approved. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer’s Report: Jamie McReynolds reported that, after expenses, we have over \$13,000 in the bank. The treasurer’s report was **Accepted**. The issue of a \$200 donation to the Universalist Unitarian Church which had been tabled at the last meeting for lack of forum was considered. Ben moved and Fred seconded that the donation be approved. **Motion Passed.**

Leadership development: The open house for those interested in membership and particularly leadership positions attracted one person over the two-day sessions. Alternatives were discussed.

Volunteers for the TRIAD Carefare and Shred-a-Thon: Pat B presented the request. Pat B, Pat H, John Burton, Don Creamer, Jerry Niles, and Wilma Dotson are available to work the desk at the Carefare on the 24th of September. Jackie and Pat H are possibles for the Shred-a-Thon on the 21st of October.

Possibility of joining the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Ben moved and Jackie seconded that we join the Chamber (\$205.00). **Motion Passed.**

Candidate Forum: AARP is sponsoring a candidate forum. Candidates Lily Franklin and Chris Obenshain and moderator Bob Denton will be at the Blacksburg Community Center on the night of the 24th of September between 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

NAACP: Judith Jones proposed that we get a table for the NAACP Dinner for \$800. No action was taken on the table, but Jerry Niles moved and Ben seconded that we support Wilma Dotson + 1 to represent us at the event (\$80.00 per person). **Motion Passed.**

Andrus Award: Pat B announced that Judith Jones is the winner of this year's Andrus Award. The award will be presented out our Holiday Event.

Newsletter going forward: Pat B announced that we have been unable to replace Pam Knox and Fred as Newsletter Editors. We will go to short, MailChimp "blasts" of information maybe monthly.

Officers for next year: The Executive Committee will provide a slate.

Buy Brochure Holders: Pat B suggested some holders we might buy. Jerry says he has some for us to look at.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter. Pam and Fred reported that there will be one more newsletter.

Membership. Jerry showed our new nametags with our new logo (designed by Don Creamer).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25