

NRV AARP Chapter 2613
Board Minutes-February 17, 2026
Blacksburg Community Center

Present: Pat Ballard, Jackie Jones, Don Creamer, Jenny Lindsey, Jean Elliott, Ben Crawford, Joy Herbert, Jerry Niles, Jamie McReynolds, Pat Hipkins, Judith Jones.

Call to Order: President Pat Ballard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report and budget for 2026 were presented and approved.

Holiday Social: Jerry Niles reported the possible dates for the Holiday Social as December 8, 9, or 16. He will contact Warm Hearth and confirm a date.

Website: The website domain will be renewed in April. A contract with Thrive-Exe has been signed for their work on upgrading the online system to support the Health and Wellness Fair.

Membership Renewals: There was discussion about dues renewals. Members' dues should be paid one year from the date they were last paid. The board discussed having a set annual renewal date. The membership committee will consider the issue.

Legislative Report: Jackie Jones met in Richmond with other chapter advocates and Virginia AARP staff to go over AARP priorities for this year's General Assembly.

Soup for Seniors: Five board members assisted with the event in Roanoke. Donations were down this year.

Health and Wellness Fair: The planning committee will meet on February 27 to work on advertising, payment methods, and other strategies.

Chapter Awareness Grant: John and Pat are writing a proposal for a \$1000 grant from national AARP. If awarded, the grant could help fund technology upgrades for the chapter. There are also community challenge grants available. Community groups are encouraged to apply.

AARP Fact Sheet: Ben distributed an AARP Virginia Fact Sheet. He mentioned the upcoming April vote on redistricting. If approved, this would allow politicians rather than the voters to decide on districts. The General Assembly is considering Virginia's status as a right-to-work state, which has been the law for 67 years.

LLI: Jerry reported 553 members enrolled in courses and 2000+ enrolled in special events for this term.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Judith Jones, Secretary