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Bluemont Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

June 4, 2025
(Bluemont Community Center)

MINUTES

Attendees:

Peter Weeks, Chase Fisher, Deb Snyder, Irv Snyder, Kim Hurst, Bill Bogard, Andre Brown, John Mairs, Holly Vedova, Thom Arneperger, Beth Finnell, John Constant, Rachel Wetherill, Tom Rust, Melissa Hess

Treasurer's Report:

- To be presented at next meeting

Standing Committees

2025 Bluemont Fair

- All remaining volunteer slots for Chairs have been filled.
- A vote was taken to keep the admission fee to \$10.
- The group is searching for a corporate sponsor.

Bluemont Heritage

- Contractors have started to work on the Snickersville Academy this week.
- We are hoping for an August completion date.
- The Academy is owned by BCA and we are dedicated to keeping it looking great.

Special Presentations by Irv Snyder

- Two presentations were shown to the group: *Snickersville 1864: The Civil Wars Comes to our Village* and *When the Trains Came to Bluemont: A Tour of the Village 1914*.
- Narrated by Irv Snyder, these excellent and informative presentations will be shown at the Bluemont Fair.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

- Rachael and Kim are Co-Chairs.
- There was a discussion about listing requests/developing a directory. Peter suggested the committee put something together and he will see that it goes out.

Old Business:

- Spring Fling was a huge success, great food, beautiful weather. Feedback was universally positive.
- Land Use Forum was well attended. There were 12 different organizations at tables, giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions about several different land use issues.
- The Appalachian Trail Festival is this coming Saturday. We are a member of the Appalachian Trail community and one of the sponsors. As part of this event, there will be a series of speakers, including Tim Kaine, who will be promoting and signing copies of his book, *Walk, Ride, Paddle*.
- Bluemont Concert Series will be scheduled at some point in the fall. There are three different grammy-winning artists. We will be able to choose among them.

New Business:

- The group discussed possible fundraising ideas to cover costs relating to the renovation of the Snickersville Academy. The fundraising goal is \$47,000.
- There is already a \$5000 matching grant and we will have a mailing to residents to solicit donations.
- Fundraising suggestions included: Getting corporate sponsors, holding racing events, possibly having another Shamrock race or Bluemont 5K.