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Minutes February 26, 2021

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. NOTE: This meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, February 18 due to County closing because of weather.

Attendees: Terry Long, Jeannette Findley, Bessie Hoskins, Yolanda Hipski, Beverly Butler, Harriet Gossett, Tanea Granlund, Frank Krohnert, Kathy Baron, Sudha Haley, Charles Harrell, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Len Winkler, Elizabeth Foster, Margaret Phipps

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve minutes: Beverly; Second: Bessie. Approved

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell/Yolanda Hipski

- Received email regarding mass vaccines will be done at the Blue Crabs Stadium 3/11. 15,000 people have signed up. CVS/Walgreens also doing vaccines, but are receiving only small amounts.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Tax-Aide Program is underway. Less than half of the volunteers are working compared to last year. Preparations are done by drop-off/pick-up at Calvert Pines only. Over 400 seniors have called for tax preparation. Fiscal Manager is researching other avenues for people to get their taxes completed.
- Vaccination clinics at the senior centers are for seniors aged 65+. Issues with seniors sharing vaccination links giving people under 65 a chance to register, but end up getting turned away when they show up for their appointment. Possible clinic at Asbury-Solomons in March.
- Geriatric Counselor program has begun. Calls will go to Lisa Caudle, Long Term Care Manager for referral.
- No word on when the senior centers will reopen.
- Meals are being delivered once per week. Shelf-staple meals were delivered before the last storm.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell/Jeanette Findley

- Robin Truslow (Library) has set up Alzheimer's Virtual Group meetings for the year, 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Program Manager will advertise Alzheimer's Support Group information.
- Alzheimer's Summit this week. Held session on research for early detection/treatments
- Devotional Reading – Opera singer sang to mother who has Alzheimer's which prompted mother to sing as well. Power of music can evoke lost memories, elevate moods, reduce sedatives, calming effect.
- Will not reapply for another COA term, but will continue with support groups.
- Alzheimer's virtual meetings being held at Asbury-Solomons, 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m. Will add to senior newsletter
- Alzheimer's Awareness Month proclamation in November will be attended by Charles, Jeannette, and JC Hooker

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- See report emailed to members

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie

- No report

Housing: Harriet Gossett

- Housing office is closed again due to leak.
- CP1 & SP 1 roof repair completed
- Section 8 – 5 year wait list, closed

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Wheels to Wellness funding with hospital is suspended. See if Wheels to Wellness can apply for non-profit funding through the County. Will contact Community Resources for information.
- Senior Rides program – recruiting drivers. Application process for rides will be extended up to 30 days to submit. Susan will send out flyer for distribution.

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- See report emailed to members

AARP/NARFE – Sudha Haley

- Report will be emailed to members.
- COA needs to focus on Prince Frederick Comprehensive Master Plan. Talks with Jenny Welker-Plummer regarding town center updates, senior friendly ideas and services. Tom Jones from General Services will update County ADA plan. COA should give input when the report comes out.

Nominating Committee: Tanea Granlund

- No report

Age-Friendly Community (AFC) – Yolanda Hipski

- Discussed information with Planning & Zoning. Jenny Welker-Plummer.

Unfinished Business:

- Bylaws – Susan spoke with Margaret Phipps. Recommendations from County Attorney's office were sent to COA members. Will develop a Resolution for the changes.
- Previous recommendation on bylaws under Article III, Section 3 was not added to the latest recommendations – “member who is a local elected official” – *Request waiver from the Board of County Commissioners to serve unlimited terms if voted by the majority of regular COA members.* Will address at the March meeting.

New Business:

- Annual Report to the Board of County Commissioners – members to update for 2021 report. Will address at the March meeting.

Member Concerns:

- None

Announcements:

- Harriet Gossett will not reapply for another COA term. Thank you for serving.
- MOD Pizza in Dunkirk – fundraiser for Hospice March 10
- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, March 18, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, Motion to adjourn: Beverly; Second: Bessie. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II