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Minutes June 18, 2020

Yolanda Hipski called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Terry Long, Tanea Granlund, Elizabeth Foster, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett, Beverly Butler, Sudha Haley, Charles Harrell, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Pam Williams, Jeannette Findley, Len Winkler, Kathy Baron, Margaret Phipps, Frank Krohnert, Bessie Hoskins

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

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Yolanda Hipski

- Concerns with re-openings. Zoom app is a good way to conduct meetings
- AARP has webinars regarding Zoom trainings
- Susan – Program Manager is working on website programs
- Elizabeth/Terry – Working with disabled. Working with churches, non-profits will help.

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Still delivering meals – 5 frozen meals/week and shelf staple meals every other week
- Also delivering toilet paper and paper towels
- Initiative to reach out to local restaurants to deliver meals
- Pam signing off on the Area Plan
- Need to have public hearing re: Cares Funding. Can't spend until August. Using some to spend on restaurant initiative.
- North Beach center's exercise room is being remodeled with mirrors. Council upgrading equipment

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell

- Support group at Asbury.
- Southern Library group was meeting on the 2nd Wednesday at 3 p.m. with only 2 participants. Alzheimer's Association will help get the word out. Flyers will be distributed.
- New support groups meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Southern Library.
- Tanea – The libraries will be using Zoom platform beginning in the Fall.

United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- No report

Community Awareness and Outreach: Bessie Hoskins

- No report

Housing:

- Main Housing office is closed. Maintenance staff is called only when required

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- Senior Rides Grant is completed. Wheels to Wellness expanding to Charles County

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- College of SoMD is closed.
- Library is posting virtual events, but nothing for seniors.
- Books can be downloaded

- Books that are returned must be cleaned and held for 72 hours.

Census 2020: Sudha Haley

- Census has been extended to October 31, 2020
- Low covered areas are Chesapeake Beach, North Beach, Lusby, Prince Frederick, Barstow, Solomons
- Calvert County is in the lead for responses
- Meeting on tri-county level weekly
- Kudos to the state/county workers for getting the word out regarding Census

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- Susan – In-home health aides need increase in pay, as well as grocery store stock workers. This issue can be addressed at regional meetings on the Federal and State levels. Due to COVID-19, expect increased payroll requests to be denied.
- Sudha – AARP - will bring to Council's attention
- MD Dept. on Aging's website lists the number of COVID-19 cases at nursing homes
- Calvert County's website has COVID-19 cases listed

Member Concerns:

- Members want Alzheimer's Research postage stamp reinstated

Announcements:

- Hospice's Support Group has a virtual platform on FB, June 24 for ages 13 – 17. No date for July yet. Free sessions.
- Motion to adjourn: Beverly; Second: Tanea. Meeting adjourned
- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m.**
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II