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Minutes August 20, 2020

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Members attended via Zoom. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Terry Long, Tanea Granlund, Frank Krohnert, Elizabeth Foster, Jeannette Findley, Kathy Baron, Margaret Phipps, Bessie Hoskins, Sudha Haley, Charles Harrell, Susan Justice, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Beverly Butler, Len Winkler, Yolanda Hipski, Harriet Gossett

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Correction in Minutes to change the date of the next meeting from July 16 to August 20. Minutes approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Yolanda Hipski

- No report

OOA Report: Susan Justice

- Would like to develop an Elder Law & Finance Day, possibly online – Educate seniors regarding wills, power of attorney
- Friday, August 21 – Senior Citizens Day at all centers. Seniors will drive by and receive a gift bag

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Alzheimer's Support Group: Jeannette Findley, Charles Harrell

- Charles' and Jeannette's groups can be combined in a Zoom meetings
- Jeannette is checking on her group by phone, no virtual meetings at this time
- Sent out letters to pastors/leaders to let them know about the groups

United Seniors of Maryland: Len Winkler/Sudha Haley

- No report

Community Awareness and Outreach: Tanea Granlund

- Alzheimer's Walk - Discussed possibility of expanding teams by combining COA and Alzheimer's groups. Also combine north, central, southern groups for walk

Housing: Len Winkler/Harriet Gossett

- No report

Transportation: Yolanda Hipski

- No report

Senior Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Veterans group meets at CSM. No information yet but will follow-up
- Parkinson's group meets virtually. A beautiful tribute was done for one member who passed away.
- Hospice holds a virtual bereavement support group
- Veterans Support Group "Lets Chat" is held virtually

Census 2020: Sudha Haley

- Emailed report to members
- Office on Aging featured an article in their e-newsletter on the Census, including a photo of some COA members who attended the United Seniors of Maryland Legislative Forum
- Calvert County Public Schools posted a Tweet on August 5, 2020, about the new Census response deadline which moved to September 30, (from October 31) and a reminder to complete the Census within the new deadline.

- Calvert Library's Fairview Branch continues to display a Census 2020 message on its freestanding sign along MD 4; Libraries are placing census information and promotional items for patrons to pick up as they pick up their books; Libraries posted a census message on the internet to all patrons to respond to the census.
- Calvert County Communications and Media Relations Department staff posted two Census messages to the county's Facebook page: August 8 and 10, 2020. These are new postings since July 30, 2020.
- The virtual AARP-Census 2020 Forum webinar, hosted by AARP Maryland President Jim Campbell, for Statewide Complete Count Committee (CCC) members and statewide elected and other leaders, is scheduled for **Friday, August 28, 2020, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** AARP MD President Campbell has invited national and state leaders to speak. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen; Lt. Governor Rutherford; Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Robert McCord; and Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary George Owings III, and U.S. Census Bureau Deputy Director Philip Lutz have confirmed they will be speakers. Confirmation is pending from Majority Leader Cong. Hoyer.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Member Concerns:

- Frank to Susan – Needed to clarify the COA and Disabilities does not include children with disabilities. A lot of schools doing virtual learning, issues with internet access.
- No reopening plans for the senior centers at this time.
- Motion to adjourn: Jeannette; Second: Margaret. Meeting adjourned
- The next COA Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, September 17, 9 a.m.**
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II