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Minutes February 16, 2023

Charles Harrell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held at the Calvert Pines Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Harriet Yaffe, Anne Weems, Noelle Flaherty, Margaret Phipps, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Beverly Butler, Terry Long, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Kris Strauss, Elizabeth Foster

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. The agenda was approved. Motion to approve January minutes: Margaret; Second: Anne. Minutes were approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell/Harriet Yaffe

- Charles discussed the upcoming Tri-County COA meeting to be held in Charles County, June 2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Theme is "Keeping the Golden Years Golden." Secretary of Aging will speak and topics to include: Caregiving, Register of Wills. Possible discussion on how to evaluate home health care agencies. Email any ideas for topics you may have to Charles.
- Harriet mentioned that she is waiting to meet with the new Secretary regarding CFL.

OOA Report:

- Discussion on getting more information out to the public about OOA and resources. Current distributions include: Expos, Farmers Markets, Social Media, Churches, Newspapers.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Vacant

- New Chair needed

Housing: Terry

- No Report

Transportation: Yolanda

- Hearing with the Finance Committee – Recommendations: Human Services Transportation, Develop Flex Programs for Transportation/Health Care, Codify rural/non-rural transportation, Increase Funding – no caps. Possible COA letter of support. Noelle motioned to approve letter of support, Terry seconded.
- Wheels to Wellness received grant funding.

Wellness: Noelle

- Distributed flyers
- Discussed need for Parkinson's Support Group
- Discussed possible letter of support to Board of Nursing because of timely licensing issues.
- New CEO at CalvertHealth is focused on community outreach. Possible speaker at May COA meeting.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Charles discussed people from outside the area attending the groups.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed.

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Ed

- The AFC survey was sent to COA members. Send feedback to Ed/Charles/Yolanda/Sudha. Will create a shorter survey based on our communities. Will assist seniors with survey if need be and explain questions. Focus groups to meet April – June. Need to coordinate with senior centers and apartments for group dates/times. Discussed generating a letter to agencies.

Nominating Committee:

- Noelle will volunteer on this committee.
- Receive nominations at March COA meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion to approve the Annual Report: Terry; Second: Yolanda. Approved.

New Business:

- Noelle will contact SP apartments to book the Dec. holiday party. Charles will contact Elizabeth F. for possible holiday party at North Beach and will contact CP managers.

Members' Concerns:

Announcements:

- March 14 – Team Excellence Award at the BOCC meeting, 10 a.m. Nominated team is the Social Service staff for their hard work during Part D season (800 seniors were assisted, 94% work hours).
- The next COA meeting will be held Thursday, March 16, 9 a.m. at North Beach Senior Center.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II

