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Minutes March 17, 2022

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 North Beach Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Beverly Butler, Elizabeth Foster, Terry Long, Anne Weems, Harriet Yaffe, Margaret Phipps, Frank Krohnert, Sudha Haley, Yolanda Hipski, Linda Poudrier, Noelle Flaherty, Sheila Poole, Ed Sullivan, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Kathy Baron

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve minutes: Beverly, Second: Anne. Approved by members.

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

- No report.

Community for Life (CL):

- No report.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was distributed and discussed.
- Discussed shortage of Behavioral Health Counselors at the senior centers. Grant received stipulates that OOA has to work with an out of state agency.
- Update on Humane Society request – No letter of support from the COA will be made at this time.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Sheila

- No Report.

Housing: Terry

- Asked board members to think of any questions for Shawn Kingston for the May meeting.
- Discussed "Auxiliary Dwelling Units" – limitation on square footage, has to be smaller than existing building.
- North Beach passed many regulations on housing.

Transportation: Yolanda

- Transportation report discussed. (Will be emailed to members.)

Wellness:

- "Healthy Calvert" website shows many activities in the area. Women's Expo is May 10. No date given on the Men's Expo.
- No staff member from Hospice yet to be on the COA. Noelle will reach out. Clair Paison possible COA member?

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles

- Solomons group is meeting in-person

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha

- Report was distributed and discussed.
- Members asked about information on senior/disability bills. Will include with next month's report. Any questions regarding bills, email Charles then to Sudha.

Age Friendly Community (AFC): Ed

- Waiting to hear back about AFC application.

Nominating Committee: Margaret

- Report given for next month's voting for COA Officers for 2022-2023:
Chair – Charles Harrell
Vice Chair – Harriet Yaffe
Corresponding Secretary – Anne Weems

Unfinished Business:

- COA Tri-County meeting will be held in-person at Calvert Pines Senior Center, June 2, 2022.
- Presenters so far: Secretary Kramer, Dr. Gybrilla Ballard-Blakes
- Discussed having a presentation on "Cyber Threats, Scams". Elizabeth can check with possible presenter. Any questions to ask, send to Elizabeth.

New Business:

Members' Concerns:

Announcements:

- Elizabeth is on the Guardianship Review Board. Members discussed the elderly having MOLST/Directives forms completed and available for hospital staff upon ER visits or stays. The County attorney visits the senior centers once per year to assist seniors who want to fill out these forms and other legal documents.
- The next COA meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m. at Calvert Pines Senior Center.
- There being no further business, motion to adjourn: Harriet; second: Elizabeth. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II