

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
OCTOBER 22, 2019
COSTICK CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
28600 WEST ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON LAURA CHAMPAGNE AT 5:35.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, NANCY COOK, JANE FROST, DAN FANTORE, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, MARIAN SCHULTE.

MEMBERS ABSENT: CARL CHRISTOPH, CHUCK COLLINS, COLLEEN IRWIN, JULIE MCCOWAN, KARINA ROBLES.

OTHERS PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by Jane Frost to approve as written.
- Support by Dan Fantore.
- Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES:

- Motion by Dan Fantore to approve as written.
- Support by Katherine Marshall.
- Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS, PROMOTIONS, WEBSITE:

- M. Schulte has not received statistical information on website usage.

EDUCATION:

- K. Marshall reported that the "Caregiver Workshop: A Journey Through Caregiving" was successful.
- Speakers covered Medicare, Medicaid and VA benefits. Those who attended had many questions and were seriously engaged in discussions. Attendees received handouts, resource information and a business card with phone numbers that are especially useful for caregivers. Meeting lasted until 9pm.
- Suggestions for another workshop include asking for an email address when people register and also asking "What else would you like to see in these workshops?"

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COMMUNITY FOR A LIFETIME:

- Further information about what is necessary for renewal of this designation has led the committee to move in another direction. Duplication of the original application is not necessary. The committee has set priorities and will solicit needs and questions from the community. A survey or focus group may be used for information. J. Frost will meet with the President of the Chamber to discuss this project.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST:

- Members of the COA are asked to look around and see which businesses go above and beyond to help seniors.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Will be held after the volunteer breakfast.

SENIOR LIAISON REPORT:

- M. Koet repeated the need to encourage seniors who live in other states for part of the year to indicate that Michigan is their place of residence on any census materials. Over 10 years this brings an additional \$18,000 to the state.
- Thanksgiving Dinner is November 13. Volunteers are needed to set up at 1pm and help during the hours of 4 to 7pm.
- Stars and Stripes ceremony is November 8 at 11am. Musical selections will replace a speaker this year. COA members are urged to attend.
- Outreach for COA members: "Adopt a Senior" program continues. Members can volunteer to supply gifts to needy seniors.
- Lunch time at CARES is 11:30am to 1pm. Anyone is welcome.

AMBASSADOR REPORTS:

- No report was given. M. Koet shared architectural drawings of "The Hawk", which will provide recreational facilities for residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:10. The next meeting is November 26 at the Costick Center.

Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary

