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Minutes July 15, 2021

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 Calvert Pines Senior Center.

Attendees: Charles Harrell, Beverly Butler, Sudha Haley, Frank Krohnert, Tanea Granlund, Margaret Phipps, Harriet Yaffe, Patti Ryon, Liz Youngblood

Non-Attendees: Kathy Baron, Terry Long, Elizabeth Foster, Yolanda Hipski

Introductions: COA members introduced themselves to new member Harriet Yaffe

Agenda/Minutes: The agenda/minutes were distributed. Motion to approve minutes: Tanea, Second: Sudha Approved.

Chair and Vice Chair Remarks/Reports: Charles Harrell

- Charles met with Susan Justice before she left. Received a lot of information.
- Discussed the Tri-County COA meeting that was held June 30. Shared each county's programs. Feel that all 3 counties should have more contact with each other. Possibly quarterly meetings. Tanea and Frank reported that there was a lot of good information. Sudha reported that she spoke with Charles County who is working on a plan for a "Tri-Counties Communities." Margaret questioned relationship with St. Mary's County COA and OOA. Tanea questioned whether bylaws were similar.

OOA Report:

- OOA Report was handed out
- Patti Ryon reported that the Division Chief position has been posted. Closing for applications is August 5.

Delegate and Committee Reports:

Community Awareness and Outreach: Tanea

- North Beach Farmers Market is having a good response.

Housing:

- No Report

Transportation:

- No Report

Wellness: Tanea Granlund

- Wellness Report was handed out
- Questions about "Memory Cafes" – Checking with Robin T. at Calvert Library
- Alzheimer's Walk team is looking for participants.
- Hospice Support Group is still virtual for now.

Alzheimer's Support Group: Charles Harrell

- Support group is held at Southern Branch Library and will now be in-person.
- Possibility of support group in the northern end of the County.
- Discussed new Alzheimer's drug. Tanea will get more information at this month's meeting.

AARP/NARFE/United Seniors of Maryland: Sudha Haley

- Report was handed out
- MD Walk Day is Wednesday, October 6 for health awareness. More information to come.
- More Marylanders retiring to other states

Age Friendly Community (AFC):

- No Report

Nominating Committee: Margaret Phipps

- Need to focus on filling COA vacancies. Candidates needed from District 1 and 2.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Voting held for new appointee, Christine Flaherty – Unanimously approved

Members' Concerns:

- Tanea discussed sending cards to retirees, members who have resigned from the COA. Liz will discuss process and funding with Suzy Meador (Acct. Tech.).
- Discussed possible "Loving Pot", "Sunshine Fund" - members to put in donations for resignations/illnesses
- Frank discussed requirements for nurses in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living facilities.

Announcements:

- The next COA meeting will be **Thursday, August 19 at North Beach Senior Center, 9 a.m.**
- There being no further business, motion to adjourn: Beverly second: Frank. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Youngblood, Office Specialist II