

JAMIE MAGEE, CHAIRPERSON  
LINDA FORTE  
ANTIONETTE JOHNSON  
CATHY PARKER  
HELEN PASE



SCOTT PHILLIPS  
LINDA ROGERS  
LARRY SAVAGE  
FRAN SMITH  
HELEN SMITH

## Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County

Minutes of Meeting  
January 9, 2023

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Linda Forte  
Antionette Johnson  
Jamie Magee  
Cathy Parker

Helen Pase  
Linda Rogers  
Larry Savage  
Helen Smith

### **Call to Order**

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A Motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Helen Pase, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A Motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Larry Savage, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

### **Correspondence**

Jamie Magee read a resignation letter from Helen Smith effective January 10, 2023. Helen will be moving to Salisbury. The committee thanked Helen for all her dedication, as well as her phenomenal minutes, and extended their best wishes to her and her family.

Linda Rogers stated that thank you notes had been sent to both guest speakers.

### **Old Business**

Jamie Magee reported that her intent was to review the by-laws since Scott Phillips was not on the committee the last time they were reviewed, however due to Scott's absence there was no need to review them at this time.



It was noted that Councilman Schaeffer, as well as Jamie Magee, have tried to contact Janis Hanwell about serving on the Aging Committee. There has been no response to either phone calls or emails. There are currently two vacancies for the committee, one for Mr. Vincent's district and one for either Mr. Hudson's or Mr. Schaeffer's district. If you know anyone who would be a good candidate, please let us know.

Discussion took place regarding the scheduling of speakers and if more speakers are needed and if so when. There will be no conference this year due to the Covid pandemic. The conference is currently scheduled for May 9, 2024, at Crossroads Church from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Linda Rogers and Scott Phillips serve on the Public Information Committee. Once a speaker has been confirmed the information should be forwarded to the Administration Office so that Bobbi can create a flyer to send out to all the Aging Committee contacts. Linda Rogers stated that first we need to determine if we have enough interest to even have speakers. The last meeting on fraud prevention only had six people from outside the committee. Those six people all saw the information in the Cape Gazette.

Jamie Magee suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Todd Lawson and Chip Guy as well as the following members of the Aging Committee: Jamie Magee, Linda Rogers and the secretary, to see if the information on guest speakers can be put in the paper earlier than one week before the meeting.

A motion was made by Linda Rogers and seconded by Linda Forte to have speakers in May 2023, September 2023, and November 2023 and to eliminate having a speaker in July 2023. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Linda Rogers gave a list of suggested topics for guest speakers. Some of the topics included were: housing, transportation, hospice, Veterans' services, housing/habitat for humanity, home repair, handyman services, etc. It was recommended to have speakers that benefit the whole county and not just a centralized location.

A motion was made by Antionette Johnson and seconded by Helen Pase to have a speaker regarding housing for the May meeting i.e., Milford Housing, Good Ole' Boys Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

A motion was made by Linda Forte seconded by Cathy Parker to have Easter seals and DATI be the speakers for the September 18, 2023, meeting regarding Assistive Technology. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

A motion was made by Linda Rogers seconded by Larry Savage to have a representative from the Veterans Clinic attend the November 20, 2023, meeting as the guest speaker. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

### **New Business**

Jamie pointed out that according to the By-laws the committee will need to elect a new secretary at the March meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Carolyn O'Neal stated that CHEER would be having their travel expo on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, from 5-7 p.m.

For all pet lovers, the SPCA is collecting blankets and towels. These items can be dropped off at the State Service Center.

Helen Smith stated she has enjoyed her 7 ½ years on the committee. She stated that Delaware ranked #50 for seniors for retirement and the most expensive. They looked at four places in Delaware and four in Maryland. Three out of the four in Delaware had a buy-in fee of \$200,000-\$600,000 plus a monthly fee of anywhere from \$3,000 - \$6,000. Three places they toured in Maryland had no buy-in fees and the monthly fees were under \$3,000 a month. Helen stated she would type up a bulleted list of talking points for members of the committee to talk to County Council as well as their local legislators.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown.

### **Adjourn**

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Larry Savage to adjourn at 11:35 p.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Albright