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

Minutes of Meeting

January 28, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, at the Sussex County Administrative Offices West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The following members were present:

Antionette Johnson
Jamie Magee
Cathy Parker
Scott Phillips

Larry Savage
Fran Smith
Helen Smith

Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone on behalf of the Advisory Committee. Newly elected Sussex County Council members Doug Hudson and John Riele were introduced to the Committee.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Fran Smith, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Scott Phillips, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018, as distributed. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves while waiting for the guest speaker to arrive.



Guest Speaker

Matthew Baxter, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist for Delaware and Maryland, began his presentation with the history of Social Security, from passage of the law in 1935 which established Social Security, to adding disability benefits in 1956, Medicare in 1965, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in 1972. Mr. Baxter explained that 7.65 percent of a person's salary plus another 7.65 percent from their employer, for a total of 15.3 percent, goes to pay for Social Security and Medicare benefits. Besides retirement benefits, Social Security also helps children under 18 years old of disabled or deceased beneficiaries, spouses whose income was a lot less than their partner, divorced spouses who were married more than ten years before the divorce, widows or widowers, and parents who are supported by a deceased beneficiary. Social Security also provides a lump sum death payment of \$255 to a surviving spouse.

It is often said that if Congress does not change the current law, Social Security will run out of funds in 2034. However, Mr. Baxter stated that Social Security will actually have enough money to give 79 percent of the current value of benefits, and there will be enough money to continue these payments through 2096.

Mr. Baxter encouraged everyone to open a “my Social Security” account by visiting [socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount), as there are many benefits to doing so. For those who are still in the workforce, they can obtain updates on their Social Security account and ensure they have been credited with their FICA taxes. Retirees can check benefits, and anyone can order a new Social Security card if their card is worn or lost.

Old Business

- Jamie Magee announced that all Advisory Committee members are due for reappointment and will be voted on at the January 29th County Council meeting. In addition, Council is scheduled to vote on two new appointments to fill existing vacancies on the Advisory Committee.
- Jamie Magee stated that with the passing of Ruth Ann Beideman in December, the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson need to be filled through May 2019, which is when election of officers is usually held. Ms. Magee asked for nominations from the floor, and there were no nominations.

A Motion was made by Fran Smith, seconded by Larry Savage, to appoint Jamie Magee as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Ms. Magee then asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Fran Smith, to nominate Antionette Johnson as Vice Chairperson. Ms. Johnson stated that she would be happy to serve, but felt she needed to discuss the position of Vice Chairperson with her employer to see if it would be possible for her to attend Advisory Committee meetings during business hours. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote, pending approval of Ms. Johnson's employer.

New Business

There was no New Business to discuss.

Public Comment

Councilman Doug Hudson advised that he intends to re-nominate Jamie Magee and Antionette Johnson to serve as his appointees on the Advisory Committee from the 4th Councilmanic District at the Sussex County Council meeting on January 29th.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019, location to be determined at a later date.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Helen Smith, seconded by Cathy Parker, to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

**Helen Smith, Secretary
Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with
Physical Disabilities for Sussex County**