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SCOTT PHILLIPS



LINDA ROGERS
LARRY SAVAGE
FRANCINE SHOCKLEY
FRAN SMITH
HELEN SMITH

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

Minutes of Meeting

November 15, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee on Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities for Sussex County was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, 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
Francine Shockley

Call to Order

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

A Motion was made by Cathy Parker, seconded by Larry Savage, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Linda Rogers, seconded by Cathy Parker, to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021, as distributed. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

Introductions

Jamie Magee introduced Kelly Manogue, non-voting designee from County Council, and welcomed back Francine Shockley.



Old Business

Jamie Magee, Chairperson, advised that she, Antionette Johnson, Vice-Chair, and Linda Rogers, Chair of the Public Information Standing Committee, met with County Administrator Todd Lawson on October 7, 2021 and discussed several areas of concern.

Jamie questioned if there was any activity following the resignation of Scott Phillips, which left a vacancy on the committee. Mr. Lawson suggested that if the committee was aware of any resident in District 5 who would make a good candidate, we should advise Councilman John Rieley, but he also stated that the Council was working on appointing a replacement.

Jamie also advised Mr. Lawson that the conference has been rescheduled for May 11, 2023 at Crossroad Community Church in Georgetown from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and that Kari Souder, COO of Crossroad, confirmed that we are on their calendar. The topic remains “Frauds and Scams” and Linda Rogers has agreed to take the lead. Mr. Lawson approved our plans.

Linda has begun to arrange speakers for the coming year. She has spoken to the Emergency Operations Center and hopes the speaker will be Joe Thomas, EOC Director, but this will be confirmed later. She has also spoken with Master Corporal Lewis Briggs III, Community Resource Officer for the Delaware State Police, and he will be one of the speakers. Linda has also contacted Danielle Briggs, who will speak about “A Matter of Balance.” In addition, Mr. Lawson was advised that the committee had voted to have speakers at three meetings per year. Linda Rogers will contact Scott Phillips to get survey results from the 2019 conference regarding topics that were of interest to the attendees, and to get contact information on previous speakers.

A Motion was made by Larry Savage, seconded by Linda Rogers, to schedule speakers for the meetings to be held on May 16, 2022, September 19, 2022, and November 21, 2022. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

A discussion was held with Mr. Lawson regarding how we could increase attendance. In addition to an announcement in the newspapers submitted by Chip Guy at the County Council, it was suggested that individual members could post to their social media accounts. Mr. Lawson will get contact information for Eul Lee, who is affiliated with the 2030 Group, as she could possibly help get the word out. Jamie will contact the AARP chapter in Ocean View to see if they would allow a representative of the committee to speak at one of their monthly meetings to give information about the committee and what we do, and Mr. Lawson will review the process of how notices are sent and advise Jamie how to proceed. Kelly Manogue asked if the committee had a social media group page and was told that we do not. She offered to help Jamie set up a Facebook page, so Jamie will

meet with her at the County Administration office to do that. Jamie Magee will be the Facebook group administrator, with Linda Rogers as a second.

Jamie stated that the bylaws for the committee are very vague, and asked Mr. Lawson if we needed to do any revisions, and he stated that we do not. Jamie stated that she has appointed the Standing Committees which are required in the bylaws under Article IV, Section 4:

- Nominating Committee, chaired by Helen Pase
- Bylaws Committee, chaired by Antionette Johnson
- Public Information Committee, chaired by Linda Rogers

Article III, Section 6 states that a designee from DSAAPD is to serve as a non-voting member, and Bryan Roberts and Corinne Messick have been appointed. In addition, a non-voting designee from the County Council will also serve. Kelly Manogue attended today's meeting on behalf of County Council.

We discussed doing a survey of the seniors and disabled in Sussex County to ascertain what topics would be of interest to them. CHEER has offered to assist with the survey, and Mr. Lawson stated that the Council would assist also. A discussion followed on the questions that should appear on the survey, but a vote was postponed until the next meeting, as more discussion is needed.

The topic of allowing "for-profit" business speakers was also discussed with Mr. Lawson, and there are no guidelines in our bylaws. Jamie suggested having 3-5 businesses on a panel, if we did allow it, so that seniors would be aware of available services. Mr. Lawson will check further and advise.

New Business

Helen Pase announced that she has recruited Linda Forte and Larry Savage to serve on the Nomination Committee.

Public Comment

Carolyn O'Neal asked for the committee is funded and was told that we are appointed by the County Council and they pay the expenses we incur. In addition, we solicited sponsors for the previous conference and charged exhibitors, so there is money in a separate account that also helps cover our expenses.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 10:00 am at the Sussex County Administrative Offices

West Complex, 22215 North DuPont Boulevard, in Georgetown. We need to clarify that the next meeting would have been held on Monday, January 17, 2022, but that date is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and County offices are closed in observance of the holiday. Therefore, the meeting has been moved to January 24, 2022. Our schedule will continue on the third Monday of every other month for the remainder of 2022.

Adjourn

A Motion was made by Cathy Parker, seconded by Larry Savage, to adjourn at 11:00 am. Motion adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Magee
Chairperson