

Franklin Council on Aging
April 19, 2022

Members Present: Bob Crowley (Chair), Ken Norman, Janet Milici, Lester Quan, Janet Jewett, Faith Flaherty

Also Present: Christina LaRose (Deputy Director), Joanne Wright (FOFE), and 5 Applicants¹ for COA

Members Excused: Ron Higginbottom, Lyn O'Brien

Meeting started at 10:02 am

Minutes from meeting March 8, 2022: Tabled until next meeting—Corrections not noted.

Motion: Jan Jewett

Second: Ken Norman

Passed.

Agenda Out of Order*

***FOFE Liaison Report:**

- 621 Friends (18 new), 295 no response. FOFE fine tuning database to cut down cost of the newsletter.
- Presently 1500 newsletters are printed
- 215 households were sent donations and memorial thank you notes. List published
- Budget presented by Deputy Director but tabled until next meeting on April 22 due to questions.
- Questioned financial budget year.

Citizen's Comments:

None

Director's Report: Christina LaRose

See Statistical Activity Reports for Details

1. The Café was deep cleaned and has opened for business.
2. We are in the process of a "needs assessment" using
 1. Surveys
 2. Suggestion box
 3. Open office for both the Director and Deputy Director
 4. Forum on community needs
3. Hearing Clinic—assesses, cleans, comes once a month
4. April Party on April 22, 2022
5. Cribbage Tournament on April 25, 2022
6. New exercise class by Steve Avalino, "Reverse the Aging," starts April 25 for six weeks--\$ 30.
7. First Responders Appreciation Day on May 5.

8. Starting LGBTQ support group in May.
9. Volunteer Luncheon in June.
10. Working with Veterans Services for Memorial Day
11. Town Budget Hearings upcoming would like COA to attend.
12. Elder Affairs Formula Grant for FY 23, \$52,788.
13. MABVI Grant--\$ 10,000 for Vision Program
14. Looking at grants to purchase a new van.
15. Revolving funds: activities-\$ 24,000 Sunshine Club - \$ 48,000.
16. FOFE donating funds to renovate café.

Chairman's Comments:

Member Mary Hicks resigned. Seven have applied to fill her position. Next meeting COA will meet one hour earlier to interview applicants.

Old Business:

Need for a Finance Budget Committee for periodic review was discussed but no action was taken.

New Business:

Mission Statement, Roles, and Responsibilities were accepted. No Comments

Motion to Accept: Ken Norman

Second: Jan Jewett

Passed.

Comments:

Discussion on the need to update the COA guide. The subcommittee will work on the revision.

Proposals for next month's Agenda:

Interviews 9:00 am

Update COA Manual

Adjournment:

Motion: Ken Norman

Second: Jan Jewett

11:11am

Next COA Meeting May 10, 2022.

