

**Franklin Council on Aging
December 13, 2022**

Members Present: Bob Crowley (Chair), Jan Jewett (Vice Chair), Lyn O'Brien (Secretary), Ken Norman, Faith Flaherty, Janet Jewett, Lester Quan, Phyllis Malcolm, Bob Kaufman, Kimberly Mu-Chow.

Also Present: Danielle Hopkins (FSC Director), JoAnn Wright (FOFE President)

Absent: None

Meeting started at 10:05 am

Minutes from meeting on November 15, 2022: Approved as amended.

Citizen's Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Directors Report: (Danielle Hopkins) (See attached report for details)

1. Maggie G and Sue B retired effective 11/30/22. New positions for a FT Program Coordinator and Social Service Coordinator have not been posted yet.
2. Tax Work-Off Program. A good amount of applications have been received. Danielle working to coordinate this program.
3. Winter Wonderland event Thursday, 12/15/22. Venue will be inside due to predicted weather. 20+ trees, Santa/Mrs. Clause, live entertainment, cookies, etc. 5 live trees to be auctioned to raise some money for the Senior Center.
4. Christina and Danielle are presenting to the Town Council in January to present Vision for FSH.
5. Requests have been received for various town departments to come and talk with seniors. (Police, Fire, etc)
6. 2023 planning/changes:
 - a. Jan 20 Police Turkey Dinner
 - b. New Newsletter
 - c. Goals for Danielle and Christina:
 - i. Policies and Procedures
 - ii. Applying for Grants
 - iii. Transportation and Trips
 - iv. Getting 2 new positions approved and filled.
7. Program Statistics: Reviewed, numbers may be off due to personnel changes as well as having 3 days that the SC was closed due to holidays.

Chairman's Report: (Bob Crowley)

- K of C – Acknowledge how much their donations of pies are appreciated.
- Reminded COA members who attend activities in the FSC to bring feedback and comments to the Council. Bob attended the Rainbow Café and found it to be a great resource to the FSC.

FOFE Report: (JoAnn Wright)

- Open position for “associate” on the board, pending recruitment and hopefully completed in January.
- 25 gift cards were distributed to qualifying seniors in Franklin. Charter School donated and involved in this program.

Old Business:

- Housing Committee: Discussion initiated by Danielle regarding homelessness vs elderly housing and discussed the resources available in the FSC to all community members. Kim, Faith and Phyllis addressed additional resources available. Phyllis was nominated to be on this newly formed committee and she accepted. Two other COA members are on this committee: Faith and Kim

New business

- None

Comments:

- Danielle would like the COA members to think about the GOALS for next year and further discuss this.
- Janet J provided documentation of what the FOFE is for the new COA member manual. (see attached).
- Danielle mentioned the success of the Busy Bees Holiday Gift event last week.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, second by Faith and approved, meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2023 10:00 am, Franklin Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Lyn O'Brien, COA Secretary