

Franklin Council on Aging
March 14, 2023
Franklin Senior Center Meeting Room

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

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

Excused: Ken Norman

Call to Order: 10:00am

Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

Citizen's Comments: None

Correspondence: Gloria... front desk passed away, lots of donations in her name.

Director's Report: (Danielle Hopkins) (See attached report for details).

- Franklin Senior Center (FSC) re-opening March 20. There are on-going areas that are still under construction and will be inaccessible. There is a town plan to insulate the building better.
- FSC Staffing Introductions:
 - Deputy Director: Sarah Amaral - Introduced herself. Has a background in non-profit organizations. Has worked with a lot of volunteer seniors and really enjoys it. Very excited to join the FSC.
 - Social Services Coordinator: Raeleen Gallivan (not present due to snow storm).
 - Programming/Volunteer Coordinator: Ariel Doggett – Former Coordinator of the Sunshine Club for about 5 years
 - Sunshine Supportive Program Coordinator: Kathleen Laughran. Former Assistant to the Sunshine Club and is an expert in gardening.
- FSC staff are attending a program, "boundary training" on 4/4.
- ST. Patrick's Day Party planned for tomorrow.
- Social Services: Stats reviewed, see attached report.
- Ethics Training – Due for all council members.
- Upcoming Events: See report
- Activity report: Not reviewed, FSC was closed for ½ the month due to water damage.

Chairman's Comments: (Bob Crowley): Sunshine Club at St. Mary's thanks

FOFE: (JoAnn Wright)

- 851 members
- Giving social services grocery gift cards every month the FSC
- Hosting a fundraiser with a Medium next month.

Old Business:

Jan J would like a draft of the organization chart and a welcome letter for review before the Council disseminates for the summer.

New Business:

Housing Committee Update: Franklin Housing is actively evicting residents, there is about \$40,000 owed to the Town of Franklin in unpaid rent. Lyn suggested that the FSC Social Service Coordinator find out if there is a way to obtain a list of seniors that are affected by this and reach out to them to see if they are connected to all available resources.

Comments: None

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Representatives for each committee to speak about their committee and activities.
- Raeleen Gallivan to be introduced.
- Set a date for the senior expo in the Fall.

Motion to adjourn by Jen J, second by Kim, meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2023 at 10 am

Respectfully submitted by Lyn O'Brien, COA Secretary