

**Franklin Council on Aging  
October 11, 2022**

Members Present: Bob Crowley (Chair), Ken Norman, Faith Flaherty, Janet Jewett, Lester Quan, Phyllis Malcolm, Bob Kaufman and new member Kimberly Mu-Chow.

Also Present: Christina LaRose (FSC Deputy Director), Nan Rafter (FOFE Vice President)

Absent: Lyn O'Brien (Secretary), Danielle Hopkins (FSC Director)

Meeting started at 10:05 am

**Minutes from meeting on September 13, 2022:** Approved.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** The Medway Masonic Lodge donated \$500.in memory of Dona Mackintosh.

**Directors Report: (Christina LaRose, Deputy Director)** (See attached report for details)

1. New tables and chairs installed.
2. PT line cook, Marilyn Howe started, we continue to look for a 2<sup>nd</sup> PT cook.
3. Applications for Fuel Assistance (Franklin Residence) are now being accepted. Qualifications have been broadened and less restrictive. Help is available to people who rent and have heat included in their monthly rent.
4. SWOT Analysis is underway. Veterans Agent and Health Department should be included.
5. Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) will visit the FSC once a month. Next visit Oct 12, 2022. The MFP has partnered with the Y and the Franklin Food Pantry.
6. The FSC is partnering with the Knights of Columbus for another Thanksgiving Pie Sale. November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
7. This December's main event will be a Winter Wonderland on Dec 16th. This will be an outdoor event with Christmas Trees being sponsored and decorated for review late afternoon on the road behind the SC. This will replace the annual Holiday party.
8. Plans are being made with the Franklin Police Department for a December turkey dinner.
9. Staff met with the Chancellor of Dean College and the Humanities Department and will start a lecture series both at the SC and the College this winter and spring.

10. Volunteers are needed for the 2023 Tax Work off program which has been expanded to include 100 spots for Seniors and another 100 spots for Veterans. The program is limits to a maximum of 100 hours.
11. September Hits were a Cribbage Tournament, Movie/Pasta Night and the Butterball weight loss competition.
12. Social services STATS reviewed (see attached)
13. Event Statistics from 9/1 to 9/30, 2022 were reviewed. (Categories are still being tweaked).
14. Jamie Hellen is inviting the SC directors and any members of the COA to a TC meeting in the next few months.

**Chairman's Report:** Bob reviewed our current committees.

Housing Committee: no one seemed the know what it did and who was on it. Debate took place on the merits of dissolving it. A decision was made to meet with Maggie Gundersen and discuss if this was something the COA needs to be involved in.

Nominating Committee: Ken Norman, Faith Flaherty, Janet Jewell.

Supportive Day Care Committee: Bob Crowley, Bob Kaufman

Senior Expo Committee: Phyllis Malcolm, Janet Jewell, Bob Crowley.

Budget Committee: Bob Kaufman, Phyllis Malcolm, Janet Jewell.

**FOFE Report:** (Nan Rafter)

- 5 new members have joined (Total stands at 11). Rockland Trust has donated a grant of \$1,000. FOFE will continue to fund the postage for the new improved (color) Franklin Connection. FOFE is planning a Medium night in May as a major fund raiser.

**Old Business:**

- COA manual presented by Janet Jewett for review and approval at our November meeting after members have had a chance to read it.

**New business/ November Agenda:** Invite Maggie Gundersen to our November meeting to discuss the merits of forming a Housing Committee. Continue to need a group photo.

**Comments: None**

Motion to adjourn by Janet Jewett, second Ken Norman and approved, meeting adjourned at 10:57 am

**Next Meeting:** November 15,2022 10:00 am, Franklin Senior Center

Respectfully submitted by Ken Norman, COA