

Franklin Council on Aging
April 11, 2023
 Franklin Senior Center Meeting Room

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

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

Absent: Lester Quan

Call to Order: 10:00am

Minutes of last meeting March 14, 2023: Approved with no amendments or corrections.

Citizen's Comments: None

Correspondence: None

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

- Building update: Nearly done, few things left to do i.e. hanging pictures, replacing book shelves, etc. New furniture to be ordered.
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for 4/28/23. Discussion on best way(s) to let all volunteers know they are very appreciated! Many strategies and ideas were explored.
- Organizational Chart for the FSC handed to the COA members and all present (see attached).
- Housing Authority: Looking at combining community groups to affiliate and involve with the FSC. May 9 Lisa Audette, the Franklin Housing Authority Director will attend so we can discuss our concerns.
- Programs: New program discussion. "Eat Around the World" is very popular and will now be offered in 2 seatings.
- First Responder Appreciation Luncheon is on Friday May 5, COA Board members are invited and can help serve.
- Marshal Arts series starting in May.
- Technology class for I Phones/I Pads being initiated.
- Friday 5/5 Medium fund raiser – very popular and already filling up spots.
- RSV program – Looking for 5 volunteers from each senior center for drivers to help with medical transportation appointments. RSV covers insurance for this transportation. Program will be advertised for volunteers as soon as Danielle clears this with the town attorney.
- Activity and Social Services STATS not included today due to the FSC closure and inaccuracy of numbers right now.

Chairman's Comments: (Bob Crowley): None

Old Business:

- Policies and procedures of other area senior centers were collected and under review at this time.

New Business:

- Committee updates
 - Housing: A developer presented to the town counsel last month a proposal to develop subsidized housing. No formal action was taken on this presentation.
 - Senior Expo: Date for expo set for Friday Oct 6, 2023. Discussion as to whether there should be a fashion show or not – for this year a fashion show will be deferred. Committee will meet within the next week or two to start planning.

Comments:

Lyn discussed with the Town Recreation Department to consider adding a pickleball court on the grounds of the FSC and the Board agreed that this would be a great addition to the FSC.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Housing Authority Rep will be present to discuss FSC Board Members concerns with affordable housing for seniors.
- Senior Expo Committee will update the COA Board on their activities.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn – Lyn Second – Ken All approved.

Meeting ended at 11:04 am

Next meeting – May 9, 2023; 10-11am at the FSC Meeting room