

**Franklin Council on Aging  
February 14, 2023**

Location: Franklin Municipal Center  
355 E. Central Street  
Franklin, MA 02038

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), Christina LaRose (FSC Deputy Director), JoAnn Wright (FOFE President)

Absent: Lester Quan

**Call to Order:** 10:00am

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

- Franklin Senior Center (FSC) currently closed due to water pipes bursting and extensive damage to the first floor. No timeline on FSC re-opening. First floor currently under construction.
- FSC Staffing Update:
  - Social Services Coordinator. New hire Raeleen Gallivan to start in March (date TBA), Christina LaRose is still covering this position at this time.
  - Deputy Director position is now open, Christina LaRose has given her notice and her last day is on Friday. There is a highly qualified candidate undergoing interviewing process at this time.
  - Programming Coordinator: Over 50 applicants and now finalists are being interviewed.
- Danielle is finalizing the Budget for FY '24.
- AARP Taxes – Director is looking to get this up and running ASAP.
- Social Services: Stats reviewed, see attached report.

**Chairman's Comments: (Bob Crowley):** Grateful to the FSC Director and to the FSC Deputy Director for the amount of work they have completed over the past year despite multiple barriers.

**FOFE: (JoAnn Wright)**

- 4 new board members, now at capacity of 11 members.
- 620 members, working to compare list from the past and create some conclusions.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion on creating goals for the FSC for the next year. Some members suggested an emphasis on evenings/late night activities and success of monthly movie night, programs focused on a more diverse population based on member interests.

- COA Committees Reviewed (See minutes from January 2023), amended to reflect that Lyn O'Brien is not on the Nominating Committee and the Centenarian Committee has been dissolved. Kimberly volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.
  - Nominating Committee: Faith, Ken, Kim
  - Supportive Day Advisory Committee: Bob C, Lyn, Bob K, Lester
  - Expo Committee: Bob C, Ken, Phyllis, Jan
  - Bylaw and Mission Review Committee: Faith, Jan, Lyn, Bob
  - Housing Committee: Phyllis, Faith, Kim
  - Budget Committee: Bob K, Phyllis, Jan J

**New Business:**

Housing Committee Update: No specific update, resources need to be pulled together in Franklin and look for ideas on how to secure better housing, shelters and decrease eviction rates for seniors.

**Comments:** None

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

- New staff to attend to be introduced.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, second by Jan, meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Lyn O'Brien, COA Secretary