

**Franklin Council of Aging**

**October 17, 2023**

**Franklin Senior Center Meeting Room**

Members Present: Jan Jewett, Bob Kaufman, Colette Ferguson, Phyllis Malcolm, Faith Flaherty, Lyn O'Brien, Kim Mu-Chow

Excused Absent: Ken Norman, Lester Quan

Also Present: Danielle Hopkins (FSC Director), Sarah Amaral (Deputy Director), Ariel Doggett (Program/ Volunteer Coordinator), JoAnn Wright (FOFE)

**Called to Order:** 10:00AM

Minutes of the last meeting September 23, 2023: Approved with revisions.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from Paula Lombardi for the Stella Jeon Award.

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

- New Furniture arriving the end of October
- Danielle and Sarah attended the MCOA Conference in Danvers. Lots of new information as well as Grant information.
- Danielle to obtain MCOA certification.
- Survey sent out for New Technology
- Applying for grant for nutrition
- Possible town wide registry for dementia and autism for missing persons.

**Chairman's Comments:** None

**FOFE Liaison Report:** (JoAnn Wright)

- Harvest Festival – Lots of people stopped by their booth.
- Brochures were distributed.
- FOFE will be doing "Winter Wonderland" in December.

**Old Business:** (Sara)

- Senior Expo-held on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Huge success and was well attended.
- Vendors asked to be included in next years.

- Sara will hold a debriefing meeting with the committee on what improvements can be made for next year.

**New Business:** Ariel Doggett updated the committee on various events and programs.

- Applying for grant for memory café
- American sign language course would be starting in Nov.
- Alan Ames comedy would be held on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Rainbow Café meets once a month.
- Trip to Portugal sign ups is going well. Ariel will be traveling with the group.
- Brain Freeze Bash will be held in November as well as the Drum Circle.

**Comments:** Colette Ferguson was welcomed to the committee and Lester Quan is improving.

**Agenda for Next Meeting:** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00AM.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:50AM.

Submitted by: Phyllis Malcolm