## **Talbot County Commission on the Aging**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center 400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Attendees: Ellen Taggert, Veda Gibson, Marion Donahue, Rachel Smith, Grace Lyons,

Elijah Taylor, Lynn Mielke, Jennifer Pierson, Andy Hollis, Childlene Brooks

Guests: Megan Cook, Al Silverstein,

Absent: Lee Newcomb, Megan Murray, Kate Stinson, Jenna Marchi,

- I. Call to order- 8:32 am
- II. Welcome to Megan Cook and Al Silverstein- Candidates for mayor
- III. Treasurers Report-Marion

\$1486.94- Account balance

No expenses/no income

- IV. Business
  - a. Guests
- i. Megan Cook Candidate for Easton Mayor
- ii. Al Silverstein Candidate for Easton Mayor
- b. Approve Minutes- unable to approve due to not having a quorum.
- c. New Members no new members
- V. Committees
  - a. Community Outreach
    - i. Senior Supply Drive- information provided to the mayoral candidates
    - ii. ECE Senior Fair- well received and attended. Ellen Taggert represented TCCOA
  - b. Website/Social Media
  - c. Marketing

i. Marketing Materials- discussion if rack cards are needed. Agreement to not create rack cards at this time and will focus on social media

#### VI. Current member information updates-All

Grace- Upcoming program: Dementia education @ Candlelight Cove "Effective communication with people with Dementia"

County Council (Lynn Mielke) Talbot County Council approved Delmarva Community Transit's FY2024 Annual Transportation Plan

Partners in Care;- May 10<sup>th</sup> Shred Fest. Shred documents. Pop up boutique partnership with Habitat for Humanity May 13th

Marion- Brookletts Place is hosting a nutrition program: 6- part, monthly series. Sign up through Brookletts Place Senior Center.

Re-capped of the "Stronger Memory Program" for the mayoral candidates.

Childlene: Communicated upcoming events: Sho Go Mobile – food trunk event at Brookletts Place May 4, 2023, Multi-cultural festival in May 6<sup>th</sup>, Shred Fest- May 10th

### VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging

Marketing plan for the Area Agency on Aging will be rolling out soon

RSVP program is up and running in Talbot County. Andy will invite the Zemia Green to inform the TCCOA on RSVP program

Meals on Wheels- considering a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels for Talbot County.

Discussion of the reduction in SNAP benefit and the need for improving the access to food for vulnerable seniors

Discussion with mayoral candidates about affordable senior housing as a concern for Talbot County

#### VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be May 10, 2023 at 8:30 am.

#### **VISION:**

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL SENIORS IN TALBOT COUNTY

#### **MISSION:**

# THE COMMISSION ON AGING WILL ADVISE THE TALBOT COUNTY COUNCIL ON ISSUES AFFECTING SENIORS AND ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE