

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Minutes

Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center* masks required

400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Gunther; Linda Prochaska; Frank Divilio; Childlene Brooks; Lee Newcomb; Veda Gibson; Art Cecil; Ellen Taggert; Rachel Smith; Megan Murray; Kate Stinton; Jen Pierson

Members Absent: Marion Donahue; Jenna Marchi; Tami Weber

- I. Call to order- 8:29 am
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
 - a. Current balance: \$2,042.18
 - b. Opened new account at Shore Unite Bank on 1/27/2022
- III. Business
 - a. Approve Minutes- January Minutes approved
- IV. Covid-19 Update (See Health Department report)
- V. Committees
 - a. Website/Social Media
 - i. I updated website with minutes and agenda (most current-approved)
 - ii. We now have all the Facebook "blurbs" with the exception of Linda P. I have emailed her to remind her.
 - iii. I have attached the documents with all the blurbs and headshots that I have
 - iv. We decided that the officers would be first, then followed by others alphabetically
 - v. Facebook #meetourcommissioners plan
 - vi. Photos – we will be taking a group photo for the website (Future date to be set)
 - b. Community Outreach
 - i. ECE Senior Expo- March 31, 2022
 - c. Marketing

VI. Current member information updates-All

a. Megan Murray- Talbot Hospice

- i. Hospice will be having a volunteer training in the Spring
- ii. Memory Walk, May 14 at John Ford Park

b. Ellen

- i. Has reached out to Multicultural Resource Center for a member to join the Commission, member should join in March 2022
- ii. Identity theft brochure

c. Partners in Care is accepting new members

d. Brooklett's Place

- i. Membership is down
- ii. Aging mastery program is on hold
- iii. March 8, Grab & Go lunches will resume, weekly on Tuesdays

e. Health Department

- i. State is pushing booster shots
- ii. Numbers for covid are trending down
- iii. Mobile Integrated Health is still active in the community, added partnership with Mid Shore Behavioral Health. Behavioral Health and medication issues are the biggest issues.

f. Shore Health

- i. The #'s in the hospital are down.

VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging-Gary Gunther

- a. Governors Budget is out- waiting to find out how much Department of Aging will receive
- b. Older Americans funds look promising, but unknown
- c. Bill in legislature, senate Bills 703 and 505- Dementia Care Coordinator (Dept. of Aging) and Dementia Care Navigator (each local) Bill brought forward by Alzheimers Association
- d. Job Opening for a Community Services Director at Upper Shore Aging

VIII. Adjournment- 9:11

Next meeting will be March 9, 2022 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