

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Minutes

Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center

400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Ellen Taggert, Andy Harris, Veda Gibson, Christina Wingate- Spence, Lynn Mielke, Ann DeMart, Megan Murray, Grace Lyons, Rachel Smith, Lee Newcomb, Kate Stinton, Marion Donahue, Jennifer Pierson, Childlene Brooks

Guests: Keith Adkins- Delmarva Community Transit, Terry Satchel Population Health/Shore Regional Health, Keith Beckett/Pastor from New St. Johns U.M. Church, Wittman and Union U.M. Church St. Michaels

- I. Call to order- 8:30
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
Balance \$1486.94
No Income/no expenditures
- III. Business
 - a. Approve Minutes- changes to minutes of the meeting- “inactive” to the bylaw section of the minutes and remove “active.” Add Lee Newcomb and Marion Donahue to attendees for January 2023 meetings
 - b. Welcome to Guests- Keith Adkins, Terry Satchel, Keith Beckett
- IV. Transportation
 - a. Guest: Keith Adkins, Delmarva Community Transit
 - b. Provided the committee with new brochures for Mobility on Demand (MOD)
 - c. Mobility on Demand (MOD)- Serves Talbot County only. It is used to enhance the existing bus system. Can be used as a connector to the DCT bus for longer rides outside of Talbot County. There are 2 vans devoted to MOD. Rides are available same day but prefer a day in advance. Bus passes can be used. There are no age restrictions. \$4 each way. Additional \$1.50 for additional stops. Senior discount cost: \$1.50. Additional stops remain at \$1.50. Veterans ride free. Cash or passes can be used. Andrea Waters is the person that can be contacted to purchase passes. Can book standing reservation for weekly appointments. The program has been running for approximately one year. The dispatch employee will help the

rider determine the route and which transportation to take when the reservation is made.
MOD runs from 7-4pm.

V. Committees

a. Community Outreach

i. Senior Supply Drive

New flyer with information for Senior Supply Drive. Will move forward with a press release. Adding information for Facebook

ii. Easton Club East Community Fair- March 30th 1-3pm. If you are interested in having a table contact Marion.

b. Website/Social Media

Meeting information for TCCOA was published in Star Democrat and Talbot Guide this month

c. Marketing

i. Rack Card- in progress.

VI. Current member information updates-

Megan- Spring Volunteer training for Talbot Hospice. On-line and in-person.

Lee- Lee and Marcie Stinson from the Health Department are organizing Networking Meeting on second Tuesday of every other month. Next meeting will be March 14th. Will have a presenter each session.

Kate- Increased referrals for the Senior Care program. Talbot County Council provided money directly to the Senior Care program.

Childlrene- Brookletts Place is asking for money from the County Council for bus passes for people to access medical appointments.

Upcoming programs- March on Washington presentation

February 16th- Senior Valentine luncheon with musicians John Wesley Wright and Danielle Cumming

February 21- Author Joseph Kopley will present a Lunch and Learn on book *The Isaiah Fountain Case*

Terry Stachel- visitor from Shore Regional Health/Population Health- Advanced Directives campaign. Promoting awareness and helping people complete the forms. Goal is to get the information directly into the medical record. Drop boxes are located at each of the sites for

Shore Regional Health. Upcoming presentation on Advanced Directives will be at Brookletts Place on February 21st and at St. Michael's Senior Center on March 13th.

- VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging- State Budget does not show increase in funds for Aging. Will begin a marketing plan for fundraising efforts.

Re-vamping Senior Care programs in Kent and Caroline County.

Reduction in vacancy rate for Upper Shore on Aging

Black History Month- reminder

Submitting budget to Talbot County Council. Will ask TCCOA for support for the budget request

- VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be March 8, 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