

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Gunther; Linda Prochaska; Childlene Brooks; Lee Newcomb; Ellen Taggart; Rachel Smith; Megan Murray; Kate Stinton; Jen Pierson; Marion Donahue; Jenna Marchi; Art Cecil; Veda Gibson

Members Absent: Tami Weber; Frank Divilio

Guest: Grace Lyons (for Tami Weber)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
 - a. Balance- \$2042.18
 - b. No income/ no expenses
- III. Business
 - a. Approve Minutes with one change
 - i. Change- Ellen Taggart- Members should change “meeting” in March
 - ii. ECE- Spell out “Easton Club East”
- IV. Covid-19 Update
 - a. Metrics have greatly improved.
 - b. Shore Health is code yellow which increases visitation capacity along with others
 - c. There are 2 health department nurses that will do home bound boosters
- V. Committees
 - a. Website/Social Media
 - i. Facebook #meetourcommissioners plan
 1. Rachel to post to Facebook
 2. All individual pictures have been submitted

- ii. Photos – Group photo taken for the website
- iii. Photos to be sent to all media for publicity
- iv. Facebook/ Website information about employment & Volunteer opportunities

b. Community Outreach

- i. Telephone Reassurance Program?? Should we look into restarting.
- ii. Easton Club East Senior Fair- March 31, 2022, 1:00- 4:00

c. Marketing

VI. Current member information updates-All

a. Home Instead- Primary RN is retiring so they are looking for a Part Time RN

b. Candlelight Cove

- i. Spring Festival on April 2 including a yard sale and the easter bunny
- ii. Looking for a Maintenance Director

c. Hospice

- i. Memorial Walk May 14
- ii. Volunteer Training beginning
- iii. Open Positions listed on the website

d. Londonderry- One bedroom cottage available

e. Partners in Care

- i. Working on reaching out to people on their wait list to on board for membership
- ii. Training volunteers to interview new members
- iii. 4 Session Security Awareness Training

f. Marion Donahue

i. Aging Mastery Program beginning again on April 4 at Brookletts Place and April 12 in St. Michaels

g. Talbot County Health Department/ Kate Stinton

- i. Network is still down for Health Department
- ii. Funding- requested an extra \$15,000 from the County

- iii. Inundated with referrals about 2 per day
- iv. Hiring for CNA's
- v. MD Durable Medical Equipment- recent influx of incontinent supplies
- vi. Expanding Evidence Based Educational opportunities in community

h. Ellen Taggart

i. Spoke with Matthew Peters of the Multi Cultural Resource Center and he does not have any staff to offer to the Commission at this time

i. Childlene Brooks

- i. Royal Oak Church- Food Distribution on March 10, 12:00- 2:00
- ii. Age My Way Expo- May 13 2022, 10am- 2pm
- iii. Senior Center Focus Group- April 5, 2022, 10am
- iv. Self Defense Class for Seniors, Starting April 7, 4:00- 5:00

VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging-Gary Gunther

- a. Added 6 million requests to the budget for 2023; 3 million for information and assistance and 3 million towards senior care, senior assisted living and congregate housing.
- b. Senate bill 505 and HB- both had hearings and have moved out of committees (1.6 million dollar fiscal note attached to it)
- c. Federal Dollars are still in a resolution. If passed it should be an increase from last year, however it is unknown
- d. Gary Gunther will be moving into the position of Housing Director for Upper Shore Aging. Board of Directors is in process of selecting a new Director and should have someone appointed by next months meeting
- e. Budget request to County Council was made yesterday to include \$83,000 additional funds

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be April 13, 2022 at 8:30 am.