

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Notes

Meeting Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center 400 Brookletts Ave. Easton,
MD 21601

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jen Pierson; Frank Divilio; Lee Newcomb; Childlene Brooks; Gary Gunther; Marion Donahue; Jenna Marchi; Rachel Smith; Art Cecil; Megan Murray; Vanda Gibson; Linda Prochaska

Members Absent: Julie Crocker; Lauren Harding; Ellen Taggart; Kate Stinton; Susan Roecker; Tami Weber

Guests: Jean Rhian; Stacey Ewing

I.Call to order

II.Treasurers Report-Julie Crocker

- a. Balance \$2042.18
- b. No deposits/ one expenditure \$127.08 for Go Daddy

III.Business

a. Approve Minutes- Minutes Approved for September; Lauren's name is missing a "g"

b. Officer Elections

i.Secretary- Co- SecretariesJen Pierson/ Lee Newcomb

ii.Treasurer- Marion Donahue

iii.Vice Chair- Ellen Taggart

iv.Chair- Jenna Marchi

IV.Covid-19 Update

- a. COVID Unit closed at UMMS Easton
- b. A lot of testing/ contact tracing
- c. Health Department has daily vaccines and testing by appointment

V.Guests

- a. Stacey Ewing

i.Chronic Disease Program Coordinator for TCHD

- 1. Helping senior self manage chronic disease (Diabetes; Cancer; Chronic Pain; Caregiving)
- 2. PEARLS Program (Isolation & Loneliness and impacts on health)- 1 to 1 coaching
- 3. 1 on 1 sessions and workshops
- 4. Website being updated for the health department

- b. Jean Rhian

VI.Committees

- a. Website/Social Media

i.124 Followers on Facebook

ii.Suggestion- Monthly Member Highlights on Facebook to boost posts and engagement

iii.Members to create draft message, based on questions, to be used on Facebook for a monthly post by next meeting

- b. Community Outreach

i.Easton Club East Senior Expo in January

- c. Marketing

VII.Current member information updates-All

- a. Childlene Brooks/ Brookletts Place

i.Hosting a tree for Be a Santa for a Senior

ii. New SHIP Coordinator- Maela Ryder

iii. New classes through Chesapeake College begin in November (\$15)

iv. New computers coming to the computer lab

v. Meals of Hope food packing through Rotary

b. Megan Murray/ Talbot Hospice

i. Know Us Before You Need Us

1. Banners in downtown Easton (\$150)

2. Lunch & Learns

c. Linda Prochaska/ Partners in Care

i. Partnering with NSA to do cyber security workshops (5 session series)

d. Jenna Marchi/ Home Instead

i. Be a Santa to a Senior Program beginning very soon

e. Frank Divilio

i. Connecting with other shore Commission on Agings

ii. Easton Lions Club (Jim Apple) will do transportation local and across the Bridge

iii. Ridgely Lions Club does durable household equipment

iv. Ribbon Cutting for "Killed in Action" Memorials on Courthouse lawn- 11:00 Saturday

VIII. Report from Area Agency on Aging-Gary Gunther

a. Final allocation in not complete yet for this fiscal year

b. Build Back Better Act funding for MOW; Senior Centers; Caregivers for FY 2023

c. Medical D Open Enrollment this Friday through December 7, 2021

d. FY 22 Fiscal Year

i. Small grants for caregivers for respite care

ii. State Funding- received notice of grants award for ½ the year. Projection is for \$115,000.00. Awaiting 2020 census data

IX. Adjournment

Next meeting will be November 10, 2021 at 8:30 am.

VISION:

ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL SENIORS IN TALBOT COUNTY
MISSION:

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