

Talbot County Commission on the Aging

Meeting Minutes

Location: Brookletts Place Talbot Senior Center
400 Brookletts Ave. Easton, MD 21601
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Jennifer Marchi, Ellen Taggert, Marion Donahue, Childlene Brooks, Rachel Smith, Megan Murray, Terry Satchell, Lee Newcomb, Ejiyah Taylor, Carrie Ottey, Veda Gibson, Jennifer Pierson

Absent: Andy Hollis, Kate Stinson, Karen Holstein, Lynn Mielke,

Guest: Sgt. Lisa Kauffman

- I. Call to order- 8:29 am
- II. Treasurers Report-Marion
 - No income received
 - Disbursements of \$ 398.54
 - Checks to Marion Donahue on 7/11 and 7/30 to reimburse for GODaddy Fees-in the amounts of \$136.02 and \$152.52
 - Check to Bay Imprint on 7/31 in the amount of \$ 110.00 -deposit on table cover
 - a. Checking account balance as of 8/31/23 was \$1,088.40 and this remains the current balance as of 9/12/23.
- III. Business
 - a. Approve Minutes- Ellen requests to add the unveiling of the table cover during the meeting. Minutes for August 2023 updated by Lee. Motion to approve with addition to the minutes. Minutes approved.
- IV. Community Concerns
 - a. Parkview Apartments
 - i. Discussion on concerns about poor management at Parkview Senior Apartments in Easton. Concerns that the company is renting to people with serious medical and mobility issues. This creates a potentially unsafe evacuation for residents with medical issues. There are also reports of younger families staying with residents for prolonged periods of time. Residents report have concerns about bringing complaints to management for fear of eviction. Residents report feeling bullied by management.

- ii. Jen/Ellen to write a letter on behalf of TCCOA to corporate office of Parkview Apartments to voice concerns and complaints. Letter will be cc'd to Talbot County Council
- iii. Jenna to contact upcoming MD Department of Housing and Community Development inspector to voice concerns prior to inspection on 9/26/2023
- iv. Lee to reach out to Mid Shore Pro Bono
- v. Rachel to request a tour of Parkview

V. Committees

a. Senior Resource Fair

- i. Date is secured for May 27, 2024 @ Fire hall Easton

b. Community Outreach

- i. Senior Supply Drive- ongoing. Need disposable pads
- ii. National Senior Center Month – Sept 22nd Health Fair @ Brookletts Place 10-1pm. TCCOA table will be hosted by Ellen.

c. Website/Social Media

- i. Increase presence on TCCOA website noted

d. Marketing

- i. Talbot Spy Senior Interviews- Gemiya from RSVP will be interviewed at end of Oct. Interviews will continue quarterly.

VI. Current member information updates-All

- i. Jenna- “Be a Santa to a Senior” program is upcoming. More information to follow
- ii. Jen- UMMS SRH Prostate Cancer Screening September 26 5-7 at UM Cancer Center. UM SRH Cancer Center and American Cancer Society are looking for volunteer drivers for patient with cancer. Contact the Cancer Center.
- iii. Lee- Community Partner Meeting at Senior Center 8:30- 10:00 on Sept 19, 2023. Presenters are Bright Star/Care Patrol

- iv. Ejiyah- New Program Coordinator Kathleen Dormody. Pop-up Boutique Fundraiser Hosted by Partners In Care- clothing, housing items etc. Sept 29 9-2pm
- v. Childlens: Sept 18-22nd National Senior Spirit Week for Senior Center Month with events throughout the week. Brookletts Place received Proclamation from the Talbot County Council for Senior Center Month. New computers have arrived and ribbon cutting to be scheduled. Collecting money for Maui Food bank in Brookletts Place lobby. Brookletts Place received donation of \$500 from the Oxford Picket Fence Auction 2023. Fredrick Douglas Day Sept 23, 2023 beginning with parade at 10:00
- vi. Rachel- Londonderry is transitioning to a new CEO. Annual event Casino Night on Sept 28th 4-6pm. All Welcome.
- vii. Marion- CNA of the year will be announced at ceremony Sept 14th.
- viii. Guest Sgt. Lisa Kauffman from Talbot County Sheriff Department: Lisa is available for presentations on identity theft and scams.
- ix. Veda- attended the Chesapeake College Institute for Adult Learning and recommends that TCCOA add link to the TCCOA website.
- x. Carrie- The Health Department will receive new COVID vaccines for uninsured only (Bridge Program). On Oct 10, 2023 the Health Dept will be presenting the Senior Care Program to the Talbot County Council to update the Council on the status of the program.

VII. Report from Area Agency on Aging- n/a

VIII. Adjournment 9:45am

Next meeting will be October 11, 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