

Genesee County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Pam Keener.

Introduction of Members and new members.

Thank you to our lunch sponsors Absolute Home Health and Hospice & Warm Embrace Adult Day Center.

Jacque Holbrook from ABC 12 Sales/Marketing presented to COA regarding the MOMs segment that COA has an opportunity to advertise with. He presented a power point with video clips as to what is available to COA. Jacque gave some pricing and information to the COA board to review.

Shelby Reed – Program Coordinator of the Advanced Care Planning Program from McLaren presented to COA. Shelby presented the Advanced Care Planning Program and how to go about utilizing the program for individuals in Genesee County. Information was passed out along with example books that are available to the community.

Betty O'neil made a motion to approve the Agenda for the February 2015 meeting. Barbara Horner 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

Approval of the February 2015 Agenda was accepted.

Lisa Church made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2015 COA meeting. Barbara Horner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Approval of the January 2015 Minutes was accepted

Treasures reports: Joyce Thewalt reported that the current balance is \$12,477.00. Income for the month was \$2,159.00 with money from the resource directory adds coming in.

Membership: Joyce Thewalt reported that there are 23 new members at the meeting this month. Joyce continues to encourage all members to recruit new members and encourage old unpaid members to rejoin for the year.

Phone: Jackie Casemore has agreed to continue to take the phone until the March 2015 Meeting.

Millage Report: Lynn Radzilowski reported that the Office of Senior Services and Senior Millage program will again have project fresh coupons available at the July Farmers Market Senior Fair. Lynn encouraged any member that wanted to attend the Senior Services Advisory Council meetings to get the schedule online and attend to get the latest updates.

Stephanie Cole gave a report that the board is still investigating options for updating the website and getting additional bids for the update.

Lisa Church reported that the Facebook COA site is going well and agencies and individuals can continue to submit events and information to her to be posted.

Lisa Monk reported that the Senior Food Box Program is going well. They are currently delivering to 40 seniors and there is room for more. Contact Lisa with names of individuals to get them started on the program.

Quarterly donation requests were discussed at the meeting. The vote is going to happen in March 2015 for the next quarter donation. Request forms are available on the front table.

Heaters are available to COA members for seniors in Genesee County. Contact Kim Cox at The Medical Team to pick up any heaters that you are needing.

Resource directory ads are to be placed no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Submit the ads to Kim Cox at The Medical Team.

Pam Keener requested to COA that the Board at Legal Services of Eastern Michigan is looking for a board member who is over 60 years of age and meets a certain income requirement in order to fulfill the requirements of the board members.

It was noted that the speaker for next month meeting would be Catholic Charities.

#### Member Sharing:

Rachel Desimpelare shared about all of the upcoming boot camp that the ELPC is hosting. She shared that the VA benefit is changing and it will be discussed at the conference. The Conference is on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm at the Genesys Conference and Banquet Center.

Jane Johnson from Homewood Village announced that they are hosting the Geriatric Social Workers of Southeast Michigan Meetings. The next meeting is Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-9am.

Joyce Thewalt announced that the Dementia conference is to be held at Genesys Conference Center on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Teresa from Hometown Home Health and Hospice and Hometown Heros announced that they are looking for golfers and volunteers for their Hometown Heros golf outing fundraiser. This is to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Marla from Genesys Medical Center announced that the PACE program is getting ready to open as summer approaches.

Nancy from the Alzheimer's Association announced the caregiver workshops that are available and funded through the Valley Area Agency on Aging.

Stephanie Cole handed out flyers for an open house at Lockwood of Burton.

