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COMMISSION ON AGING - MINUTES

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

10am– 12pm

Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building
3255 122nd Avenue, Suite 200 – Allegan, MI

Public Zoom Link:

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CALL TO ORDER: Larry Ladenburger called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Larry Ladenburger, Stuart Peet, Lou Phelps, Mary Campbell, Rich Butler, Sally Heavener

ABSENT: Pat Petersen, Alice Kelsey, Dean Kapenga

OTHER: Dan Wedge, Jennifer Garcia, Maria Hawk

COMMUNICATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Sally Heavener, seconded by Lou Phelps. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Dana Prentice from Allegan, came forward as a member in the community to express her desire for a senior center in Allegan. Dana expressed a need for local seniors to have a place to gather. She feels that loneliness amongst seniors in Allegan County is an issue that needs to be addressed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stuart Peet motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Rich Butler. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

-Director's Report- Introduction of new director by Dan Wedge. Jennifer Garcia is Allegan County Senior and Veteran Services new Director effective August 28, 2023.

-Financial Reports (**Attachment B**)

Mission Statement

"Dedicated to serving Allegan County seniors by developing and coordinating services that support their independence, maintain their dignity, and preserve their quality of life"

-Media Results (**Attachment E**)- Greenstreet Marketing results for TV and radio ads through the month of July.

-COA Calendar: No items.

-Action Items Log: No changes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. COA Roadshow Presentation (**Attachment C**)
 - a. Pat Petersen will attend Senior Information Day at the Methodist Church in Hopkins on August 23, 2023.
 - b. PowerPoint presentation complete and ready for any COA member to utilize at public events
2. Senior Day at the Fair (**Attachment D**)
 - a. Senior Day is September 12, 2023. COA members are asked to arrive at 7:00 am for set up.
 - b. Meeting packet included pass for entry and parking
3. Newsletter
 - a. Greenstreet is sending postcard to printer for mailing. This postcard will have information to register for the E-Newsletter.
 - i. E-Newsletter will go out featuring information on Senior Day at the Fair

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS: There is an open seat for the AAAWM Advisory Council

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

AAAWM Board of Directors- Update from Stuart Peet
AAAWM Advisory Council- Vacant

ADJOURNMENT: Lou Phelps moved to adjourn, supported by Mary Campbell. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2023 10:00am-12:00pm Zimmerman Room