MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
APRIL 24, 2018
WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON NANCY COOK AT 5:32

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CHUCK COLLINS, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, LINDA LEE, KATHERINE MARSHALL, JULIE MCCOWAN, MARIAN SCHULTE, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: CARL CHRISTOPH, COLLEEN KASHAWLIC

OTHER PRESENT: MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
• Motion by D. Fantore
• Support by K. Weglarz
• Motion to approve as published.
• Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH, 2018 MINUTES:
• Under Community for a Lifetime: L. Lee corrected times for library presentations: Farmington Library 3:00-4:30pm, Farmington Hills, Library 7-8:30.
• J. Frost requested that “survey which measures interest in the community garden” be replaced with Program flyer.
• Minutes approved as corrected.
• Motion by J. Frost
• Support by J. McCowan
• Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:
• Volunteer award winners are featured on the website.

Education:
• Chuck Gaidica presentation was successful. One hundred twenty people attended.
• Thank you letter to Chuck Gaidica was signed by COA members.
City Council Reports:
- J. Frost reported to Farmington City Council. She presented qualifications of COA members followed by a presentation of the 2017-2018 activities. Her presentation and the brochure outlining the accomplishments of COA were well received.
- C. Christoph will report to the Farmington Hills City Council on May 14, 2018.

Community for a Lifetime:
- Under the heading advocacy: J. McCowan discussed Senior Law Day which will be held on May 1 at the Costick Center. It starts at 9:45. The program and lunch are free. She also discussed financial abuse of seniors with a local bank manager. The bank does have training for employees as well as triggers in bank software to help identify potential abuse.
- An internet test to measure whether a senior is capable of managing his/her financial matters is provided by Peter Lichtenberg: https://www.olderadultsnestegg.com
- Under the heading community garden: Flyers have been distributed to local libraries and an Earth Day celebration. Visitors to the Farmers’ Market in downtown Farmington and the perennial exchange at Heritage Park will receive notice of the library programs. COA members are encouraged to promote the program through placement of flyers.

Resource Directory:
- G. Furi, web-master for COA, has agreed to place bullets in the directory so users can quickly access information.
- C. Kashawlic has obtained advertisers for the directory.

Volunteer Recognition:
- Kudos to staff for an interesting program and delicious meal.

Senior Division Report:
- M. Koet invited everyone to the May 24th Health and Fitness Day. Activities begin at 9:30 and include mini-classes in the programs offered at the Senior Center. Blood pressure readings and balance testing will be available.
- May 11 the Senior Division will sponsor a Mothers’ Day luncheon at Longacre House. Reservations required.

Old Business:
- Thank you to M. Koet for COA name badges.

New Business:
- The June 26 meeting will be held at Longacre House at 5:30. Dinner will be served. Spouses and friends are invited. Director of Special Services will speak.
Ambassador Reports:
  • The Commission on Children, Youth and Family would like COA members familiar with caregivers to work with them on a presentation in Spring, 2019.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:
  • Meeting adjourned at 6:33. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Costick Center.