

MEETING MINUTES
FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING
NOVEMBER 27, 2018
WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER
28600 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON NANCY COOK AT 5:35

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARY BUCHAN, LAURA CHAMPAGNE, CARL CHRISTOPH, CHUCK COLLINS, NANCY COOK, DAN FANTORE, JANE FROST, LINDA LEE, JULIE MCCOWAN, KARINA WEGLARZ

MEMBERS ABSENT: COLLEEN KASHAWLIC IRWIN, KATHERINE MARSHALL, MARIAN SCHULTE

OTHERS PRESENT: MICHAEL BRIDGES, CITY COUNCIL LIAISON, MARSHA KOET, SENIOR DIVISION LIAISON,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- Motion by C. Collins: to approve as published
- Support by J. Frost
- Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, MINUTES:

- Motion by D. Fantore to approve as published
- Support by L. Lee
- Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications, Promotions, Website:

- N. Cook reported that website is being updated.

Education:

- K. Weglarz shared the results of a presentation by the Attorney General's office regarding "Home Health Care and Group Homes" that was given on November 13 at 10 AM: between 15-20 people attended. Audience participation was good. Participants were given forms that can be used for evaluating home health care agencies, non-medical home agencies and nursing homes. It was decided to add copies of these forms to the COA website for downloading by readers.

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Community for a Lifetime:

- Community Gardening: members met with the assistant to the Mayor of Farmington who explained that there are lots available on Chesley Street that are available for rental by interested citizens. There is also room for further expansion.
- K. Marshall contacted the editor of Farmington Hometown Life regarding a column featuring topics of concern for seniors. He said such material is not a popular read, but he has agreed to meet with COA representatives. J. Frost asked for suggestions about possible topics. Discussion followed.
- J. McGowan is waiting for input from the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council regarding a project that addresses financial exploitation of seniors. She mentioned Law Day on May 2 at the Costick Center and another on May 22 at the 12 Mile Farmington Community Library.

Resource Directory:

Volunteer Recognition:

- Volunteer breakfast will be held on April 4, 2019 at 9am
- Discussion of Margaret Loidas diamond award, gold award and a new award to given to a business or organization that benefits seniors in the community.
- Jane Frost will visit Busch's grocery store to interview the manager. Buschs is a contender for this award.

Senior Division Report:

- M. Koet reported 3 programs on financial exploitation are scheduled at the Costick Center.
- 450 meals were served at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 14; an additional 150 Meals on Wheels clients benefited from the food.
- 12/4 shredding will be available.
- Yvonne's Treasures (the senior gift show) needs donations.
- At the January, 2019 meeting Jeff King, Farmington Hills Police Dept., will present a program that deals with vulnerable citizens.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- In January, 2019 nominations for the 2019-2020 COA officers will be accepted. Election will be held in February.

AMBASSADOR REPORTS:

- C. Christoph reminded the members that the Parks and Rec's 5-year master plan is due in February. This is necessary for state funding.

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- N Cook mentioned an April program that the Commission on Children, Youth and Family will sponsor.
- M. Bridges, City Council mayor pro-tem, shared the following: an audit by Plante, Moran gave Farmington Hills the highest award possible for its management of funds, the Sisters of Mercy are selling part of their land near the Costick Center for development of affordable housing for seniors, the council is drafting an ordinance regarding vaping, one of the most serious problems of Farmington Hills infra -structure is storm/water overflow.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:36. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2019 at Farmington City Hall. Minutes prepared by Mary Buchan, secretary.