

Meeting Minutes January 26, 2012 Genesee County Commission on Aging

36 members in attendance

Thank you to Loving Hands for providing lunch.

Introductions, Brenda Evans from VAAA distributed prescription drug help program tablets.

Approval of December 2011 minutes.

Approval of treasurers report, balance \$8520.99

Old Business:

Membership: Welcome new members, currently have 95 paid members, goal is 150.

Resource Directory: Members reminded to submit their ads before March 1.

Phone: Gayle Gauthier has the phone. Calls for the previous month included directory, community resources.

Millage report: Continuing to audit the area senior centers. Funds are again lower for this coming year due to the dwindling tax base. Nominations for the nonvoting position representing service providers are currently being accepted and the election for this position will be at the March meeting. Duties include represent the GCCOA at a minimum of one meeting per month, this is a one year term. Diane Nims currently holds this position.

Website: Meeting minutes will be posted to the site. Pictures will be added and the names of the current board. Members are encouraged to use the calendar on the website by accessing the "contact us" portion of the site.

Donation committee: Membership voted to allow this committee to make decisions regarding the quarterly donation and suggestions from members are encouraged. This quarter suggestions were being a copper sponsor for \$500 at VAAA Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village, Hurley dinner and a movie monthly

event and sponsoring seniors to attend at a cost of \$250.00 and \$250.00 per quarter for the senior box program.

Legislative update: Kathy McGaethy reported on that Medicare part D copayments for seniors with Medicaid can be waived. Upcoming workshops include hoarding and hospice end of life. Kathy will be adding the monthly legislative updates on the website.

New business:

Membership voted to raise the lunch donation to \$3.00 per meeting.

Discussion regarding being a sponsor for VAAA Senior Power Day.

July resource fair at the Farmers Market will be July 12, 2012. Kathy McGaethy is chairing this committee with members Minnie Cabine, Toni Cerny, Aimee Garner and Cindy Morley.

Membership contest: Bring 5 new members to the meeting, get \$50.00, by February 28.

Sept 27<sup>th</sup> meeting Goodwill Industries is the sponsor and they would like to hold this meeting at their site.

VAAA annual meeting March 26 at the Sarvis Ctr. At 10 am.

Beginning February 6<sup>th</sup> the Senior Winter games are starting at area senior centers with 647 seniors participating.

Nat'l Assoc. of Social Workers of MI conference April 19 and 20 in Kalamazoo. Details on their website.

Many cans of tube feed available at no cost at the Comfort Keepers office. Please call or stop by.

Sept 15 will be the Alheimers Assoc. walk at Genesys.

Loving Hands has initiated a "caregiver of the month" with a \$1,000 prize. To nominate a caregiver go to their website.

Next meeting February 23, 11:30am at the Flint Public Library.