

Minutes from The Genesee County Commission on Aging Meeting, Jan. 24th, 2011

Board Members Present: President, Pam Keener; VP, Toni Cermey; VP, Mark Rice; Secretary, Karen Montez; and Treasurer, Minnie Cabine. Past President, Pam Kalisek, was on vacation.

Lunch provided by Loving Hands Home Health and Adult Day Care; Meeting began at noon.

Pam Keener, COA President, opened the meeting by reading the COA Mission Statement.

Presentation: Mark Rice, CEO of Loving Hands, opened meeting with a presentation about "Sponsor a Senior." This new agency is targeting 55 yr. old and better individuals, who would benefit from added assistance in their homes or other place of residence. Rice asked COA members to consider supporting the group with a monthly pledge from individual members and COA. COA members will vote at the next COA meeting, March 28th whether to make a contribution.

Approval of Minutes from the February 28th COA meeting was passed by the membership.

Minnie Cabine read the Treasurer's Report, which all membership accepted.

Pam Keener, COA President, displayed an "Appreciation" plaque for COA'S \$1,000 donation to support last month's Elder Abuse Summit.

COA Directory: Kim Blackstock reported that the cost for this year's directory is estimated at \$11,000 for 10,000 copies. Ad sales are going well. March 15th is the deadline to accept all copy and money for this year's publication. Copy and payment should be directed to Cara Fernandez at Medilodge of Montrose.

Website: Jay Johnson, I.T.T., has been hired by COA as the new webmaster for the COA site.

COA Phone: Kim Blackstock agreed to handle the phone for March.

Membership: Joyce Thewalt reported that COA membership is at 80 paid memberships. Annual dues is \$40 and renewal deadline is March 15th.

Toni Cerveny, COA VP, announced that the COA Board is considering moving meetings to The Flint Public Library, downtown Flint. She explained that the Board wants a fresh start and to allow more meeting space for the growing membership. Members will be asked to vote on the change of venue at the next COA meeting, March 28th.

Voting Paddles will be added to monthly meetings to insure that all paid members are getting recognized when voting on COA business. Each paid member will have two paddles, red and green, when they sign in for meetings. Green indicates a "yes" vote; red indicates a "no" vote. Paddles should be available at the March 28th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Next meeting scheduled Monday, March 28, 2011 at The Pierce Senior Center at 11:30 a.m.

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