



Fluvanna County Partnership For Aging (FPA)

March 20th , 2017

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Minutes

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 4:08

Those present:

- Stephanie Fick—Cunningham Rep, Chair
- Curtis Putnam—Columbia Rep, Vice-chair
- Linda Bernick—Palmyra Rep, Secretary
- Sue Liberman--Rivanna Rep
- Amy Kirchner—At-Large Rep
- Eric Hess—Sheriff
- Steve Nichols—County Administrator
- Jan Hall—Senior Newsletter
- Ellen Neterer—Envoy@The Village
- Joe Chesser--MOW
- Sean Sweeney—FLUCO Parks and Rec
- Bertha Armstrong—MAACA

Consideration of January 2017 minutes; moved by Sue, seconded by Curtis; to be posted on County website

OLD BUSINESS

- Senior newsletter update – Janice Hall
 - suggested by Fluvanna Helping Hands FB page
 - reach those who do not have Internet access via Fluvanna Review, for example, 3-4 times per annum
 - sample newsletter distributed
 - use Senior Guide as basis for articles
 - promote events at FLUCO Senior Centers
 - awaiting printing costs from same printer of Fluvanna Review; only reaches ~6K
 - from Rural Virginian ~\$3725 for printing and stuffing; reaches more residences (~13K)
 - Steve Nichols offers support for funding considerations; expresses concern for quality product; Steve, Jan and Sue to meet to discuss
 - may also be available for distribution at County events
- DME Loan Bank through Effort Baptist Church

- personnel volunteered for inventory
- seeking storage facilities
- name created to avoid any legal issues
- will only accept equipment in working condition

REPORTS

- Strategic Planning Communication System and Transportation Committee – Seeking Community volunteers
 - Communication underway under auspices of Senior Newsletter
 - Stephanie suggests a community volunteer to coordinate transportation
 - Steve recommends avoiding simply listing for-profit companies of website, but may be solicited as a resource for Seniors
 - Sue suggests collaboration between FPA and an advocacy group she is forming; next meeting is Wednesday at lunch; **Advocacy for Aging**; she offered an open invitation
 - Joe —Interagency Council (Social Service agencies) also possible as contact; charges membership fee

NEW BUSINESS

- Rivanna District Representative Introduction – Sue Liberman
 - Stephanie presented her with some of our publications
 - gave her background for interest in Seniors
 - experience in Health and Human Services; not clinical
 - CEO of two retirement communities in the area
 - consultant: Senior Solutions; began in Rochester, NY
 - serves on several boards in Charlottesville, but currently living in FLUCO

SPEAKER – Envoy at Fork Union

- perceives a gap concerning what families need to know and how to proceed; how to access resources
- 60 bed nursing home in Fork Union (Consulate); 2 locked-units, which is difficult to find
- 40 Medicaid beds; adjunct for those who are in dire need of care
- Services: skilled nursing, therapists, long term care, respite, out patient therapy
- some volunteers; more are desirable; visits from Fork Union Senior Center

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Geriatric Collaborative in Thomas Jefferson Area offering workshops the four Wednesdays of April for care facilities; \$25 fee; Sue to send info for distribution
- Curtis reports that a \$30K grant has been awarded to seek the feasibility of refurbishing Cunningham and Columbia schools into independent living facilities (total of 24-28 units); Steve reports other sites under consideration
- Amy works for JABA; Wednesday in Scottsville the Alzheimer's Association holding a function at 10:30
- Hess reports Car Day and TRIAD events upcoming; medical info can be registered under DMV; CAD will also be used to store info for Police Dept.
- VIAL OF LIFE previously distributed (medical info in plastic envelope that attaches to fridge)
- Sheriff's Department to report in May; Parks and Rec to present in July

REPORTS FROM PARTNERS

- MACAA—helps families in crisis, Thrift Shop (address needs to be updated in Resource Guide), Easter Baskets (pre-made for boys, girls and seniors) to be donated @ 20 per each category a week prior to Easter, holiday events, Food Pantry (Master Gardeners also donate fresh produce; Sheriff's Dept does canned food drive)
- MOW—provides food 7 days a week (weekdays—hot, weekends—cold), serve about 70 clients per diem, always looking for volunteers (packaging, delivering), Kent's Store still questionable, good way to check-in with people and provide social interaction
- PARKS AND REC—Fork Union slightly decreased, weather and illness are factors, Kent's Store and Cunningham thriving, Earth Day event upcoming (April 22nd) with vendors needed, Easter Egg hunt, FISH program with West Central, Pickleball functioning well at Middle School (15-25 participants)
- SHERIFF'S DEPT-- Project Lifesaver planned in conjunction with Albemarle County for those who wander-off, TRIAD meeting this week to regroup, CAD system underway to store contact info, mental health transports (ECO to UVA or TDO to other parts of the State), seniors addicted to opiates—one of the highest categories

Adjournment of FPA public meeting at 5:30

Next meeting FPA: Monday, May 15, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

