



Fluvanna County Partnership For Aging (FPA)
May 15, 2017
4:00 – 6:00pm
Fluvanna County Library
Minutes

Stephanie Fick called the meeting to order at 4:10

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
- Nan Weikert—At-Large
- Steve Nichols—County Administrator
- Jan Hall—Communications and Outreach
- Emily Daidone—JABA
- Karen Hebert—DSS
- Diane Dean—Jefferson Pharmacy
- Mozell Booker—BOS
- Jennifer Puskaric—St. Peter and St. Paul transportation
- Brian Cohen--JAUNT PR
- Bertha Armstrong--MACAA

March 20, 2017 minutes read into meeting

- Sue moved for approval, seconded by Nan; approved

BUSINESS

Senior newsletter update – Janice Hall and Sue met with Steve Nichols

- met with Jefferson Area Planning Commission, who did not respond with support
- Options: newsletter in Rural Virginian as insert or as a column detailing the services offered by various agencies and assorted topics
- still working through the details (e.g., frequency, cost, presentation to BOS)
- Steve explains some of the complications using Rural Virginian for distribution; indicates other means (e.g., Post Office, Library); concerned about sustainability
- Nan states that a newspaper column has “weight” and suggests using the PR personnel from each agency to produce text/images; start small and expand; seek funding; offers her services

- Stephanie offers to facilitate contact with newspapers
- encouraged to contact both (Rural Virginian, Fluvanna Review); perhaps could be seen as a “public service”
- Jan will dialog with newspapers to delineate options
- HS students could be tapped for writing as “community service”

Transportation Committee – Jennifer Puskaric with St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

- gave history of how the group was established
 - started with 10 churches to share common resources (1997) and seek funding
 - originally partnered with MJH and drivers vetted through that organization
 - St. Peter and Paul developed several groups based on need (doctor, church, dialysis, etc.) but not specifically church-related
 - Jennifer has served as coordinator with several agencies (e.g., MACAA)
 - open to all within Fluvanna County and mostly restricted to the immediate area
- monthly meetings
- temporary help only
- many current drivers have been clients; most are located around the Lake Monticello area
 - often takes multiple drivers (one to take, one to pick-up) so that they are not inconvenienced
 - average trip is 3 hours; sometimes up to 5-6 hours
 - big turnover; currently 9 and have had up to 16
 - must have valid Driver’s License and insurance
- up to now, there have been no accidents or major complications
- Jennifer is capable at screening clients; usually meets with them prior
 - encourages to use resources available
- combining the effort with informational sessions (Health Fair) or speakers
- service is strictly free; to charge would make it a “profession” and could produce liability issues
- seeks feedback from clients to ensure quality of service
- Jennifer will be leaving in 2018 and will need someone to replace her
- info available on St. Peter and Paul website: <http://saintspeterpaulpalmyra.org/good-shepherds-ministry/>

REPORTS

- FPA present at Old Farm Days to distribute materials (Senior Guide, JABA flyer)
 - Curtis suggests surveying seniors; Steve replies that the agencies we collaborate with are aware of the issues and the info needs to be compiled
- Mozell
 - has been interested in the Advanced Directive

- attended MAP Program with Bertha and the services that can be provided through and to Afro –American community
 - wants to have an all-faith day at Pleasant Grove
- JABA is collaborating with Parks and Rec
 - Senior Centers are thriving and expanding
 - seeking to have a JABA ambassador at the locations
- Amy
 - manages Scottsville and Esmont Senior Centers
 - Pickleball is now available every day of the week
- MACAA
 - most recent Food Drive through USPS was very low and Food Bank donations consequently sparse
 - Steve offers to place notice in FANmail
 - Community Garden will be providing seasonal produce
 - 60+ are immediately qualified to receive financial assistance
- Jefferson Pharmacy
 - DISPELL packages: all medicines in one package with labeling
 - Rx Right : genetic testing to assist doctor's in determining appropriate medications
 - Virginia Immunization Service Information database
 - Vaccine Complete will inform pharmacy if/when vaccine is required
 - BP checks by pharmacist in-house
 - all mobility items 20%-off this month
 - compounding pharmacy (one of the only ones in the area)
- DSS
 - cooling assistance June 15-August 15 (fan or air conditioner) with possibility of help in paying corresponding part of the electric bill
- Stephanie does intake for Rosewood Village
 - more applications from Lake Monticello residents
- Sue is gerontologist consultant
 - connect with Medicaid options, long-term care
 - more contacts coming from JABA

Adjournment of FPA public meeting at 5:40 pm

Next meeting FPA, Monday, July 17, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 pm