Louisa County Commission on Aging February 6, 018

Attendees: Willie Gentry-BOS, Ginger Dillard-JABA, Helena Unhoch-JABA, James Smith-P & R, Barbara Hollins-Jackson, Lilian Morris-Mountain Rd., Alex MacCormack-AARP, Kathy Swarthout-Cuckoo, Bob Kuhnle-Green Springs, Cindy Swann-Mountain Rd.

Barbara Welcomed everybody and introduced Bob Kuhnle from Green Springs District who has been appointed to the COA.

Moment of Silence: Prayer

Minutes: No meeting in Dec. 2018 or January 2019.

Treasurers Report: Balance as of Dec. 31, 2018, \$259.53 after Expenditures of \$3,549.01 for the Christmas Luncheon, which covered the Caterer expenses and reimbursement for those who purchased items for snacks, decorations, etc. Details are on the Treasurers Report. Balance as of Jan. 31, 2019, \$224.53. Expenditure \$35.00 for US Postal System for P.O. Box rental. Treasurer's report accepted a read. Further Discussion on Finances: Willie is going to try to get some money for the Commission and doesn't know if they are going to give him a lot. He went to the Chairman of the BOS and explained to him that we need operation money for the Christmas Luncheon for 2019 and things like flyer that we put out. Willie is not sure we can get through for the year on the amount we have.

Christmas Luncheon Report: Jonathan asked if we could have a detailed report on the Luncheon and changes we may want to make on this year's Luncheon. Barbara went over the details. Lilian, Barbara, Cindy and Alex were there from the COA Group both days. Willie and Debbie were also there and helped a lot. The day before we did 300 Treat Bags and everything went well. We had 50 items for our Door Prize Drawing. Barbara thanked the Members of the Commission on Aging who donated the prizes. Alex really out did himself. He was there all day on the day before the Luncheon and doing anything he could to help and stayed that evening to help. Then he was at the Center first thing on Thursday morning and was helping everywhere again. Willie also stated Alex was doing something everywhere.

300 meals were prepared. The attendance was low and thought it may have been from the weather. Total attendance was 185. We had a 103 that signed the book and 43 did carry out. We had 4 attend from Parks & Rec. 23 children join us, but did not serve them lunch. They came in and entertained us as always and did a great job. We enjoy them. Santa Claus who was Mark Ware joined us. He did a good job as being Santa Clause. We had Bill Burk and his Group again who have joined us for five or six years and they are always so willing to come. We have always enjoyed them very much. The Middle School was to come and present a Musical Program. The instructor called Barbara and because of the weather they did not attend. She felt bad about taking the kids out and was real sorry that they wouldn't be there. They enjoy coming to us. We had a Minister offer to come and do the Devotions and was unable to come. We had a lady who is from the Senior Group to do the Blessing.

Lillian Morris, Mountain Road Dist. Taught school for 33 years. Has been a member of the COA for 21 years and a resident of Louisa Co. all my life. Lillian is our Treasurer. She gives us a report at every meeting on or expenses and expenditures. Cindy Swann Mountain Road Dist. 46 years. With COA 9 years and is Secretary. Is Charter and Life Member with HGVRS 35 years. Does not run anymore, but is still with the Squad. Also active with VAVRS in Dist. 3 and a Life Member. Alex MacCormack represents the Local AARP. Have been a part time resident for 20 years and a full time for 10 years since he retired. He moved down here from Northern Va. Had a week end place for 20 years. When he retired built a house in Louisa. Ginger Dillard is with JABA and is Director of Advocacy Services. She has worked for JABA for 23 years and started her career in Louisa. Helena Unhock with JABA and is Options Counselor. She has been in Louisa for almost 2 years. Has lived in Louisa since 2015 Willie Gentry, Louisa BOS and with Cuckoo Dist. Willie brought up that the BOS eliminated the COA a year ago and the COA went to the BOS and explained how we can help the BOS of what is going on with the needs of the aging population. Before we got into the Christmas Luncheon we were very active of putting together a brochure of our goals and objectives and the main basic line is make reports to the Supervisors to know what is going on. We are working on getting reorganized after it was done away with and people like us can be very helpful in doing that. Our need is for more Volunteers. Willie has talked to Bob quite a bit and he is really quit involved and if they weren't Involved with it would be hard to get restarted.

Went Over Changes we May Want to Make

One thing we need to do is Advertise more on what is done at the Betty Queen Center for Seniors. The Christmas Luncheon was gone over whether we should keep having the meal or maybe making it smaller. One of the main thing is we don't know how many people are going to attend 50 or 300. Maybe we have all the food the turkey should be sliced and that way when we get through serving we could lay out those to go in boxes. That way those who are delivering can take the boxes and just leave and take every to Epworth Manner. The people were happy to have the food. Barbara was wondering if there was any way we could get transportation to bring people to the Center. We would have to have pre arrangements and how many people would be attending in order to have enough transportation and what kind of transportation. We could have people get together at a Church to put them up. We could try to get Jaunt to pick people up. Some individual may be willing to pick people up. Cindy said it is a crazy idea, but maybe a school bus could be authorized to pick people up. Went over advertising and using aging. We talked about that and putting an age on the flyer. Some of the flyers that went out, we put age 60 and older. Using 50 years might be better. Have time to see what would be the best way to word the announcement. The Luncheon is good for some people who don't have a family or any place to go and are alone during the Holiday. Could we put out a survey to the county on what they liked about the luncheon and or what we could do. Before we do anything we need to see if we can get funding. Willie is going to try to get the BOS to give us money. A lot was gone over on what and which way to go to get funding. Need to talk with our District BOS to help us get funding. A few of our member are planning on going to the BOS meeting on March 4th.

Ginger brought up that JABA has been willing to contribute \$500 for the Luncheon. Willie brought up that if you have a big balance they don't want to give you any money.