

# Louisa County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2023

## Attendees

Joanne Hoyle  
Lily Bramble  
Cindy Swann  
Curline Bell  
Jo Griffith  
Jon Tustin  
Jody McEwen  
Florence Reece  
Lillian Morris  
Kathy Swarthout  
James Smith  
Willie Gentry

The meeting was called to order and a moment of silence observed.

Jody McEwen was introduced and welcomed. She represents the Louisa chapter of AARP and plans to attend our meetings on a regular basis as a liaison between our groups.

## Treasurer's report (Lillian Morris)

Previous balance: \$5,390.08  
Expenditures: \$4306.77  
Balance remaining as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: \$1083.31  
Total expenditures for Christmas Luncheon: \$4783.29  
We will receive one more County disbursement January of \$1800.

## Anticipated expenditures

*Community events:* Joanne Hoyle agreed to be responsible for organizing our presence at community events, and with Jo Griffith will inventory supplies for our table.

## Survey

Robin Antonucci is working on the statistics and expects to forward the results to the commission next week. We had over 300 county seniors participate. The results will be used to guide our next steps in assessing the needs of our seniors. An effort will be made to bring in speakers providing the services that address our seniors' areas of need. Also we may create a more detailed survey to gain more specific information on those areas.

Jo Griffith will also share those results with the Board of Supervisors. We will also report to the Inter-agency Council in order to involve the many organizations that serve our seniors. Jon Tustin has attended these meetings in the past, but Zoom meetings since Covid have been sparsely attended. The council has plans for in-person meetings to resume soon.

## Christmas Luncheon Debrief

Jon Tustin led us in an evaluation of what went well, what needs improvement, and kudos from the commission members. He will keep that information for use by the luncheon committee in preparing for next December's event. Generally the commission members felt that the event went very well.

December 7, 2023 was agreed upon for this year's luncheon.

Everyone agreed that the word puzzle handouts, service providers, appetizers, and lunch went over well. All thought the band was wonderful but that we might coordinate the sound level at various times with them. There was some discussion about whether we should just use recorded music rather than have the expense of live music. Also it was agreed to work on making the middle school chorus easier to hear. While the invocation had a wonderful message, our members would prefer simply a blessing of the food and community,

We had 143 people sign up for the luncheon, and Parks and Rec, at our direction, had to tell some callers that we were full. We served around 180 meals. Catering had enough for 200. Willie Gentry told us that in years past they had as many as 250 people. The commission will have to consider whether we cap the number of people or not, and how many we can accommodate and still have service providers.

As we celebrated the success of our inclusion of service providers in the event, Florence Reece pointed out that this concept was originally her idea. The Commission feels inviting those entities delivers much needed information to the attendees and has been a valuable addition to the luncheon.