

# Louisa County Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2023

## Attendees

Jo Griffith, Chairperson  
Lillian Morris, Treasurer  
Curline Bell  
Willie Gentry  
Jody McEwen

Jon Tustin, Vice-Chairperson  
Lily Bramble  
Florence Reese  
Joanne Hoyle  
Tammy Rogers

Call to Order  
Moment of Silence

Corrections were made to the minutes from 4/5/2023 and approved.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Previous Balance: \$2953.20  
Expenditure for vendor space at BBQ Cookoff \$25  
Balance: \$2928.20

It was agreed that because checks need two signatures and Ms. Morris has been unable to reach Barbara Hollins, (the other person currently on the account), Ms. Morris and Ms. Griffith will go to the bank to add Ms. Griffith to the account.

### **New members:**

We currently have openings in several districts which is not reflected on the county website. Willie will talk with BOS about approving Tammy Rogers.

### **BBQ Cookoff:**

Ms. Griffith, Ms. Bramble and Ms. Hoyle have organized our event bins and solicited additional literature. AARP will join us at the booth and be there all day to man it, help set up and tear down. Lily Bramble will get the tables and canopy. Joanne Hoyle will get the bins from Jo Griffith.

### **Digital Literacy Program:**

Jo Griffith is working with Jen Fleisher from VDH.

**Senior Education Program (JABA/Senior Industries):**

Curline Bell, Joanne Hoyle and perhaps a few others will attend the event on Financial Planning May 17<sup>th</sup> at Betty Queen 12:30pm to 2:00 pm.

**Virginia Governor's Conference:**

May 8 and 9. Curline Bell, Florence Reese and Joanne Hoyle will attend.

**Orange County Triad Conference:**

Attended by Jo Griffith and Joanne Hoyle. The program had 4 speakers. The topics were Dementia, Fraud Prevention, Legal Considerations of Aging and an inspirational speech. Continental breakfast and lunch were served. Several vendors were there. Triad provides a free emergency call system to any resident who requests one. That program is funded by grants and donations. Jo Griffith will contact PIO Chuck Love about a possible Triad group in Louisa.

**Little Yellow Book distribution:**

We have approximately a box and a half that have not been distributed. It was agreed the we will make an effort to have them all distributed by the end of August.

There was a motion passed to buy our own canopy and a new banner both with our seal. Jonathan Tustin agreed to research this. Willie Gentry was asked to talk with the BOS about a space to store the Commissions equipment and supplies.

Lily Bramble is working on a list of county events for consideration.

There was an in-depth discussion of how best to fulfill our mission as stated in our by-laws. It was agreed that having members to act as liaisons for the agencies serving seniors would help us to better understand both the needs of seniors and available services in order to report to the BOS. Jo Griffith will make an initial list to distribute to members for any additions. Members can then choose which organizations they will connect with at our next meeting. We also will continue with tables at select community events, the Christmas event and the Little Yellow Book.

Distribution of emergency 911 pendants was discussed. The lowest cost option is \$64. Lily Bramble will talk with Chief Kristin Hawk from Emergency services about the calls we receive locally and Joanne Hoyle will research effectiveness of the pendants for seniors. It is possible that we can team up with another organization to distribute and fund an effort like this.

Also discussed was Project Lifesavers provided by our Police Department. This provides GPS data for the cognitively impaired. Jo will connect with Chuck Love to see if it has adequate funding to serve county needs.

Committee members agreed to make an effort to track their volunteer hours for the LCOA . Curline volunteered to maintain the record of hours.

Our next meeting will be June 7<sup>th</sup>.