

Louisa County Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2022

Present: Ginger Dillard, Florence B. Reece, Sheri Gaines, Kathy Symborski, Lily Bramble, Cindy Swann, Jo Griffith, Jon Tustin, Barbara Hollins, Lillian Morris, Willie Gentry, Kathy Swarthout

Moment of Silence

Member Introductions for potential new volunteers Sheri Gaines, retired geriatric RN, Kathy Symborski, RN and private care

Minutes: Minute taker absent

Treasurer Report: Previous Balance- \$2618.76 Current Balance: \$4,233.60

Old Business

Yellow Books: Discussed distribution

Senior Need Survey: 120 known completers at last check. Goal of 400 completers. JAUNT will also distribute for the COA in next few weeks.

Toll Free Number at JABA: over 350 callers at last check from Louisa.

Aging Awesomely Article: writing is alternated by COA members. Last article appeared on first page.

New Business

Fall Festival: Oct 1 at Walton Park. COA will be participating 10-3. Largest community function in the county.

Data Collection: collecting data from community organizations regarding services to older adults and identification of unmet needs. Members utilize a list of predetermined questions.

Board Presentation: Jo Griffith will be presenting at Louisa Board of Supervisors public comment period on Sept. 19th, 2022. She will distribute Yellow Books and copy of post card for Toll Free Number.

Volunteer Recruitment: Jo Griffith publicized on Next Door and secured 2 new potential volunteers. Members are encouraged to also share on social media platforms

JABA Report

Digital Senior Program: Ginger Dillard, Advocacy Services Director, reported on work being done to support seniors overcoming the digital divide. 3 Approaches: improve secure network at community centers, offer access to equipment, and offer technology education.

Tech Fest: JABA will be hosting a Tech Fest on November 2nd in the BJQ gym. They will be bring assistive technology, Dept. of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Dept. of Visually Impaired, and UVA audiology so people can have an improved understanding of devices that can support their independence.