

COMBINED MEETING OF THE COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE COA BOARD

Minutes October 2, 2023

Present: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, C. DeLorey, C. Reichenberg, R. Graham, M. James, H. Soones, M. Young, F. Zakszewski, L. Dykes, M. Howard, D. Langer, H. O'Connor, L. Reddin

Absent: D. Clague, I. Clague, L. Green, F. Zephyr, V. Green, K. Landers, S. Larke

Guests: G. Koelsch, H. Beasley, P. George

Minutes of 9/11/23 approved except H. O'Connor was present

Treasurer's report: \$21,369.98

Director's report: Thank you to all who attended events, thank you letter from Chief of Police, Brenda Perez, was read, thank you to Jeanne for new table cover, board appointments are coming from Mayor's office, senior picnic was great with more than 300 attendees, staff is now CPR, etc certified by Red Cross, needs assessment report due next month, a transportation policy is being developed, Ruthie accepting fuel assistance requests, Open Enrollment apps are available, Wed 10/4 from 9-11 is Coffee with a Cop, Janice at a conference Oct 11-13, our new intern, Ruth, will be here 10/16 at 1030, 23 new members have been joining each month since July therefore new volunteers are needed at the front desk, Janice meeting with CFO requesting more staff, flue clinic being held this week - approved

Building Committee: Janice attends weekly meeting and everything is moving on schedule, project manager needs COA to pick furniture and colors – approved

Michelle's report: we have 16 new volunteers and 5 new on the newsletter, meeting with Tim Cruise on 10/19 at Barretts Ale House, flu clinic on 10/3 from 2-4 and 10/10 from 11-1 at COA, DBA has new bike patrols by police, Neighborhood Health is active in the downtown area, there will be a new Hagler Park, Holiday Parade will be Nov 25th, information being obtained on how to apply for local cultural grants – approved

Christina's report: BCBS seminar on Oct 17 at 430, QPR lunch and learn 10/20 at 1100 (suicide prevention info), TED talks moving to every other Mon in November, Freight Farm at COA 10/3, 10/17, 10/31 with all food being free to all - approved

Lauren's report: 10/15 to 12/7 is open enrollment and assistance time slots are filling fast, MA Health application assistance is available, federal employee medical assistance will be available 10/17 - approved

By-law changes to be sent to the COA Board and will be discussed next month, please read

Next meeting November 6, 2023