



Town of Oak Bluffs Oak Bluffs Council on Aging Board of Directors Agenda

Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 11:00 am
21 Wamsutta Avenue

Present: President Donna Joyce; Board members Al Badger, Jacquie Callahan, Bo Fehl, Lew Laskaris (until 12:00), Deborah Potter, Linda Smith

Also present: Alternate: Hans Von Steiger, Administrator Rose Cogliano

Absent: Mark Rivers, alternate

Public: sign in sheet attached

11:00 am President Donna Joyce called the meeting to order

Approval of the minutes of June 29, 2023

Motion by L. Laskaris seconded by J. Callahan to approve the minutes of June 29, 2023. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Nominations, possible discussion, and vote to elect officers

Each elected officer will serve for one year until the election in May of 2024.

Motion by J. Callahan seconded by A. Badger to elect Donna Joyce as president. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion by J. Callahan seconded by R. Fehl to elect Linda Smith as vice president. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion by L. Leskaris seconded by R. Fehl to elect Jacquie Callahan as secretary. Vote: 7 in favor, 0 opposed

Old/New business on ways to reach out to the community

Discussion and possible vote on means to improve communication

OBCOA is on Facebook and following the town's media policy. A meet and greet is planned for July 31st from 1:30-3:00pm. Each person is asked to bring a friend. D. Potter has business cards to distribute. These show the COA internet address, phone number, and a QR code for seniors to access COA activities. D. Potter suggested a calendar to accompany the newsletter to allow seniors to see times for activities and show open times.

Rose indicated that fob system for senior sign in had been tried.

Rose will investigate having COA events on the MVTV community boards.

Discussion and possible vote to purchase a sandwich board

Linda Smith has offered to donate the necessary funds to FOBCOA to purchase the sandwich board which will be placed by the flagpole. It will be brought in during storms, winds, and weekends.

Discussion and possible vote to survey the 55+ community

The town has access to Survey Monkey. The OB Library has an extensive email list it may share for sending seniors the survey or it may be accessed online. Questions must be specific enough to determine why seniors come or don't come and how to make the center more welcoming with activities and hours.

Discussion on expanding the coffees to include town officials

The OBPD comes on the first Wednesday of each month. Other departments will be scheduled to come for the third Wednesday of each month after the summer. Deborah Potter, the town administrator, is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 10:30 am.

Discussion on expanding activities

There are several applicants for the administrative assistant position. An interview committee is being set up.

Discussion on hours of operation

The library shifts hours and days. The COA survey may look at hours of operation on week days, weekends and holidays. Volunteers through the tax relief program are in charge when the COA administrator is out of the building. It is necessary to delineate and document the procedures for volunteers handling cash, time out of the office, contacting the town hall and board in case of emergency. Rose will work with Deborah Potter on the protocols.

Administrator's report

Rose Cogliano presented the July highlights with monthly activity attendance figures and services provided at the COA.

Placement of a donation basket raised questions since seniors participate in activities at no charge. The donations subsidize the bingo program and provide refreshments. FOBCOA will replace the donations box, indicate support for the COA, and be responsible for any donations.

Costs for the lunch program to "enhance seniors' lives" come out of the COA budget.

Only durable medical equipment is accepted by the COA. Examples would be walkers, bed pans, commodes, bath seats, transfer benches, pads, pullups, and some adjustable metal crutches.

Report from the Friends of the Oak Bluffs Council on Aging (FOBCOA)

Linda Smith Murray is working with the MV Bank to have donations go directly to FOBCOA.

The next FOBCOA meeting will be in September.

Richard Paradise at MV Film Center is trying to offer movies at a lower cost for seniors.

Seniors have requested trips both on and off the island. Trips to Symphony in the spring. Duck Tours and lunches are being considered.

FOBCOA is filing all tax reports and getting its non-profit status renewed.

Community comment

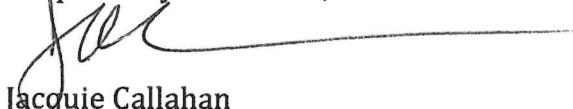
Seniors wishing to obtain the red numbers for their homes can see Rose or the Sheriff's department for applications. Since the enhanced 911 went into effect, all houses must be correctly numbered.

Adjourn

Motion by J. Callahan and seconded by L. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 pm. 6 in favor, 0 opposed

The next meeting will be on August 17, 2023 at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacquie Callahan

Minutes approved 8/17/2023

The agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the President which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.