



Town of Oak Bluffs
Oak Bluffs Council on Aging Board of Directors Agenda
Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 11:00 am
21 Wamsutta Avenue

Present: President Donna Joyce; Board members, Deborah Potter, Bo Fehl, Lew Laskaris, Jacquie Callahan

Also present: Administrator Rose Cogliano, Linda Murray

Absent: Al Badger, Linda Smith, Alternates Hans VonSteiger and Mark Rivers

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

Approval of the minutes of August 17, 2023

Motion by L. Laskaris seconded by J. Callahan to approve the minutes of August 17, 2023. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstention

Old/New

Discussion and possible vote to survey the 55+ community

To date 50 surveys have been received electronically. Any manual surveys will be numbered and coded to maintain the integrity of the survey. There should be links on the town website and COA site. The consensus is to leave the survey open for the present.

Discussion and possible vote to recommend ways to continue improving communication

The Town Administrator presentation had one attendee as people did not know about the event. With any new event, it important to publicize on the calendar, newsletter, and Facebook. Kristina West will be presenting in October. It was suggested she meet seniors at lunch to inform them of her presentation which the administrator plans for 9:00am on October 3rd. People look at things through patterns. Therefore, it is recommended that the calendar and newsletter also be available at the town hall, library, Facebook, and the town website.

Update on name tags, coffee service, meals, and donation box

D. Joyce has been working on creating name tags with the library's help but has had to wait the after summer slowdown. Breakaway lanyards are recommended and can be purchased from Staples, WB Mason, etc.

There are now two Keurigs with one available in each room.

Two meals are still offered on alternate Thursdays. A Halloween Party is planned for October 31. Donations are turned over to FOBCOA and used for lottery tickets as bingo prizes.

Update on the assistant administrator position

There were applicants, but one withdrew. At least two of the applicants will be interviewed in the coming week.

New business: discussion on changing meeting hours

Moved by L. Laskaris seconded by J. Callahan to begin COA Board meetings at 10:30 am. Vote:5 in favor, 0 opposed

Administrator's report

Rose presented the monthly attendance activity report.

D. Potter mentioned a problem a senior had getting a VTA pass and recommended posting on the website that the passes are available during normal business hours, but please call ahead.

D. Potter also recommended the administrator organize a volunteer day at the COA. While some COAs charge for exercise classes, our volunteers have offered their classes for up to 20 years at no charge for seniors. In the summer it may be possible to utilize the Sailing Camp Park for a town wide volunteer day.

D. Joyce asks that the 3 copies of the MV Times be available to everyone at the COA.

Chair Yoga with Tom Coy has yet to begin. Rose is looking for a new instructor.

The COA reopened on August 2, 2021.

Community comment

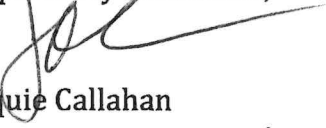
Linda Murry states FOBCOA is planning activities for the spring. Bowling will start in in January.

A Take Your Health to Heart fundraiser is in the plans for February.

Adjourn

Motion by J. Callahan and seconded by L. Laskaris to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed The next meeting will be on October 19, 2023 at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacquie Callahan

Approved 10/19/2023

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.