

Chatham County Council on Aging

Board of Directors Meeting

March 31, 2016

Members Present: Louis Forrasi, Jim Hackney, David Marty, Kathy Meredith, Larry Ross, Emily Foushee, Michael Nowicki, Dr. Gerald Strobe

Members Absent: Kalyan Ghosh, Kathy Brommage, Stephanie Faris, Nansi Greger-Holt

Council Personnel Present: Sadie McLaurin,

Guest was Rosemary Lentzen candidate for Board.

Larry Ross called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center.

Welcome

Larry Ross began by sharing photos of events since the last Board meeting. Breakfasts that invited faith Community and Board Members to introduce the churches to our COA mission and services. One pastor suggested inviting holding an “invite your pastor to lunch” day with the congregational meals participants. Gerald Strobe shared that he attended the grant presentations to the Triangle Community Foundation at the Art Museum in Raleigh. COA was among 5 finalists, and placed second (unofficially). We viewed a DVD which was created as a part of our presentation.

David Marty recommended that people should take advantage of the Blue Cross Blue Shield programs. He attended the most recent one on board planning.

Larry Ross led the members in sharing personal news and activities since the February meeting. Motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2016, by David Marty and seconded by Jim Hackney. Motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Work

Finance Committee

Jim Hackney gave report highlighting the following:

We have an increase in operating revenues through February, and we are above budget. One of the most favorable years we had. It was noted that private grants exceeded \$100k through February and credit was given to Dennis Streets for his efforts in that regard. There was discussion about the personnel strain to support these grants and perhaps we should examine hiring a staff member to support the reporting requirements associated with the grants. Jim also mentioned that we had asked a professional fundraiser to talk to us about her services and how COA could benefit going forward. A motion was made to accept a proposal by David Marty and seconded by Jim Hackney that the replacement of a HVAC system in the West Chatham Senior facility for the Main Room be limited to \$4,000.

On a motion by Mr. Louis Forrasi, seconded by David Marty, the Board unanimously approved the Finance Committee report.

Nominations Committee

David Marty introduced Ms. Rosemary Lentzen a potential candidate who is interested in joining our Board. She was recommended by the Mayor of Siler City.

Programs and Services

Kathy Meredith discussed our efforts for small home repairs and that our volunteer team now numbers 8. Also, our unit services increased by allowing additional transportation to our congregate meals clients. Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, our intern graduate student, who is helping our efforts, will be asked to present to us at the April 28th Board Meeting.

Marketing and Fundraising Committee

Michael Nowicki gave a report on *A Taste of Chatham*, which was scheduled for May 1st at the Governor's Club, from 5 to 7 pm, now postponed, perhaps to be revisited based on community interest. As

previously noted, a professional fund raiser, who produced CORA's Empty Bowl function, will talk to us about her services.

Jim Hackney added that outreach to the faith community should help with the priority of reaching more seniors. In addition, he announced that MedAssist was a great event that had about 400 attend our Western Center to receive free over the counter meds. Jack Brooks received the excess medicines for use in the Chatham Cares drug giveaway program in Siler City.

Larry Ross proposed that our June Board Meeting be held at our Western Center and perhaps have the Board meeting there on a quarterly basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm, on a motion by Larry Ross and a second by David Marty. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Forrisi