

Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Bloomington Commission on Aging

MEETING MINUTES [submitted by Julie Hill]

- 1. Attendance:** Sue Owens, Lauren Cowen, Gail Londergan, Jack Kahn, Jim Shelton, Lei Gong, Julie Hill

Guest: Phil Stafford and Denise Lessow both introduced themselves and briefly spoke about why they want to serve on the commission.

- 2.** February minutes were approved.

- 3.** No Liaison Report.

**4. Old Business:**

- A. Creative Aging Update: Julie shared sub-committees work on the goals, criteria, and objectives of the new initiative regarding Bloom Café. The commission approved the goals, criteria, and objectives. [document attached]

The CoA also approved partnering with the Bloomington Hospital in sponsoring the Dementia Friendly Bloomington workshop as the first Bloom Café'. Scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at Sherwood Oaks Church. Sue is drafting the MoU for the partnership.

Julie will draft an e-mail to be sent to organizations that have inquired about the festival asap.

The Creative Aging Initiative sub-committee is scheduled to meet again on Friday, March 24, at noon at City Hall, Kelly Room. One agenda item for the meeting is to discuss logo issues.

- B. Seniors in Poverty - no report.

- C. Organizational Update: Gail presented a revision on the Bylaws. We agreed to table this discussion for a later meeting this summer after May.

- D. Communications Update: Jim motioned that the commissioners work to increase community awareness by having members present the CoA annual report power-point to appropriate community forums. After discussion, the motion was deferred to April.

Two worksheets were introduced: *Candidates for Newsletter Mailing List*, and *Contacts for Generating Additional Newsletter Announcements*.

- Sue reminded us that people have to subscribe to the newsletter, and we agreed that we would continue to include an invite to receive it on all publications. Sue also indicated that the worksheet identifying potential resources for newsletter items would not necessarily help or hinder the current process for compiling information.

Gail also handed out a 2017 calendar indicating when the newsletter were scheduled to be release and wanted to remind commissioners to use it in order to get information to Sue in a timely manner.

## **5. New Business:**

- A. The Mayor's State of the City Address is available on-line at the City's web site. And can also be watched on CATS
- B. Senior Expo is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2017. The CAI sub-committee agreed to plan the booth space.
- C. City Hall Atrium Display - We will have the ½ of the display case in the month of June. It was agreed that we will information about the Hospitals Dementia Friendly Community Workshop, and the "Words of Wisdom" project. The CAI sub-committee agreed to do the display case.
- D. CoA Mailing List - Discussion resulted in action being taken by the CAI sub-committee to explore the cost of accessing a mailing list from the HT.
- E. Drop box for shared resources - Sue suggested that we use Google Docs., and will take responsibility for setting it up.
- F.

## **6. No announcements from commissioners.**

## **7. Additional Agenda Items**

- A. Gail requested additional features from commissioners to be included on web site. [How can we get the CoA link to appear in more than one place on the new web site?] She also wanted us to think about updating the space where our logo would appear.
  - Julie shared that the CAI sub-committee has been currently discussing the CoA logo and will share information about what the parameters are in changing the logo after the next meeting.
- B. Gail also mentioned if it was possible to expand the length of our meeting time to two hours. No discussion, time ran out.

## **8. Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.**