

## Commission on Aging – Minutes November 14, 2017

Present: Phil Stafford, Lauren Cowan, Jack Kahn, Julie Hill, Gail Londergan, Libby Dawson, Denise Lessow, Amy O'Brien, Sue Owens (Staff Liaison)

Guests: Gail Hale, Stephan Hale, Isabel Piedmont-Smith

### 1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Denise.  
October minutes were approved with changes.

### 2) Liaison Report

Current balance is unchanged at \$2,383.07

### 3) Old Business

A. Phil discussed the extended schedule for CMP comment.

B. Julie proposed tabling CAI until after the new year, as John Kay has not committed to any dates for events in collaboration with Mather's Museum.

C. Julie proposed that COA make a financial contribution to the MOW Horn of Plenty fundraiser. After discussion it was agreed that the best way to achieve this and honor the wishes of donors would be to purchase advertising in the program guide (one quarter page @ \$60). Julie made the motion, Libby 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

D. Lauren brought up COA's opportunity to be on the WFHB radio program Everyday People. Phil agreed to record the spot on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

E. Lauren is scheduling Dementia Friendly Bloomington training for COA.

F. Gail suggested COA collaborate with the Environmental Commission on the 2018 Eco Heroes Contest. Gail made the motion, Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

G. Gail indicated that we had not yet heard back from the City regarding the first phase of our Community Survey (CS) data request, but that we should be getting an answer very soon. She then gave an overview of how having this CS data would contribute to our work. She noted that we will learn from approximately 400 seniors exactly what they dislike most about living in Bloomington, and that this will give us a much stronger basis for prioritizing our near-future activities.

### 4) New Business

A. Denise will email a work style quiz to prepare for discussion at December meeting.

B. During brainstorming Gail proposed looking through the CMP for programs the commission may wish to endorse. Gail will/may begin work on this project.

C. Subcommittees were reformed with the following membership:

Affordable Living/Poverty: Amy, Lauren, Libby, Jack

Data: Gail, Libby, Phil

Community Center: Julie, Phil, Jack

Creative Aging Initiative: Julie, Denise, Lauren

D. Phil brought up the possibility of rapid response teams ready to deal with issues as they come up – he is going to explore what other commissions and boards are doing in this regard.

E. Julie led a discussion on the issue of a Senior or Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy O'Brien