

March 13, 2018 Commission on Aging Minutes

Present: Lauren Cowan, Jack Kahn, Gail Londergan, Arlene Flower, Denise Lessow, Amy O'Brien, Sue Owens

Not Present: Phil Stafford, Libby Dawson, Jenny Donegan

1. Call to Order

- a. Denise called to order
- b. Gail moves to approve February minutes, Amy seconds

2. Announcements

- a. Gail informed us that Eco-Heroes has chosen to not have the COA as an official collaborator this year.
- b. Sue reported that the 50+ Expo will be May 9th 3-6pm. We discussed options for giveaways and the possibility of doing a simple survey with a raffle, and having the Lifetime Community boards as part of the display.

3. Liaison Report

- a. Balance \$2,323.07

4. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Lifetime Community Workshop
 - i. Denise suggested that COA consider adopting the Lifetime Community framework.
 - ii. Gail suggested seeking age friendly certification through AARP
 - iii. Lauren suggested collaborating with CONA, possibly neighborhood captains and expressed that conversations going forward include all income levels

5. Old Business

Data: Gail has contacted IU Center for Survey Research to complete analysis of Community Survey. Lauren suggested that members could benefit from an outline of cost and goals before voting. Amy mentioned that low-income residents tend to be under-represented in surveys and expressed concern that if the COA priorities were driven by the results low-income issues may not receive enough attention.

Creative Aging: Gail suggested that the COA return to promoting a city wide celebration of events already taking place rather than creating original programming. Lauren suggested that we keep it fun and light. Denise suggested that it would be another avenue to contact with neighborhoods.

SIP/Affordable Living: Amy reported that the subcommittee has had their first meeting and that they have decided to focus on the issue of affordable housing at this time. Amy is reaching out to other stake holders to gauge interest in collaboration.

Senior Center: Using the Lifetime Community framework was discussed.

The group also discussed the term lifetime verse age-friendly.

Respectfully submitted by Amy O'Brien