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Lee County
Senior Services

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
The Enrichment Center Conference Room, 1615 S. Third Street, Sanford, NC 27330

Board Members Present: Cleo Bryant, Mary Ann Gaster, Henry Merritt, Jim Payne, Joyce Smith, Mary Upchurch
Board Members Absent: Trudy Forrest, Commissioner Robert Reives, Martha Wicker
Staff Present: Debbie Davidson, Melanie Rodgers, Debbie Williams
Guests Present:

1. 8:32 a.m. Jim Payne called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and announced a quorum present.
2. Jim Payne asked if there are any corrections or additions to the Agenda. With no updates, Mary Upchurch made a motion to accept the Agenda as written, second by Cleo Bryant and all in favor.
3. Jim Payne asked if there are any corrections to the minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting. With no corrections, Mary Upchurch made a motion to accept the minutes as written, second by Mary Ann Gaster and all in favor.
4. There were no public comments.
5. Debbie Williams provided information about upcoming Senior Center Programs, distributed flyers and referenced the March 2019 Center Post newsletter. The Health Department and Sheriff's Office will provide information about the Opioid Epidemic in Lee County on March 26 at 6 p.m. The 16th Annual Dementia & Caregiver Symposium takes place at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center on Tuesday, April 16 from 8 AM until 4 PM. Mary Ann Gaster asked if the breakout sessions are repeated. Debbie advised yes, they are repeated after lunch. The annual luncheon honoring Lee County's 90-year-olds and better will be changed to a Celebration Brunch, served at 11 AM on Wednesday, May 8. Contact Debbie Williams to RSVP.

8:41 AM – Henry Merritt arrives.

6. Melanie Rodgers reviewed the February 2019 Finance and MySeniorCenter reports. Jim Payne asked which exercise classes are reimbursed by Silver Sneakers. Debbie Davidson advised all classes held on site at The Enrichment Center. This excludes water aerobics, which is held at OT Sloan Pool. Joyce Smith asked if there is a substitute facilitator for the Diabetic Support Group. Debbie Williams advised the Diabetic Support group facilitator had to cancel suddenly a couple of meetings due to illness. When Debbie called for a substitute, it was too short of notice. Debbie will continue to work with the facilitator for coverage of these meetings. Mary Ann Gaster asked if the facilitator needs to be certified. Debbie Davidson replied, no, they do not.
7. Debbie Davidson provided Department Updates. Lee County Government is in the process of rebranding and marketing. This includes stationery, social media and a county-wide Strategic Plan. Department Directors are putting together SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats – Analysis, which will be reviewed in April 2019. The results will be used to complete a county-wide Strategic Plan. Citizen input will be gathered as well.
8. Debbie Davidson advised the FY2020 Senior Services and COLTS budget meeting went well with the County Manager and Assistant County Manager/Finance Director. One addition to the COLTS budget

will be a fulltime dispatcher. The NCDOT/PTD Administrative Grant reimburses 85% of the salaries and fringe. Three replacement vehicles scheduled for delivery in the next month. The retired 4-station lift will transfer to Senior Services. One retired vehicle will go to the Lee County Library and one will go to auction. COLTS will receive the auction proceeds. Triangle J Area Agency on Aging advised that Lee County's FY20 allocation will be the same as FY19. Mary Warren, Director, Tri J AAA, will keep in touch about the allocation amount. The front entrance sunroom is in process of cleaning and replacing furniture. The fountain was located to the front lawn. New board member Martha Wicker is filling the remaining term of Charmaine Earnest, which expires June 2021. Terms expiring in 2019 are Jim Payne, Henry Merritt and Cleo ~~Wicker~~ Bryant. All three agreed to serve another 3-year term. Board members may continue another term as long as no one else has applied. There is a seat available for a Lee County member to serve on the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board. Debbie Davidson can provide an application. Mary Upchurch will not continue after this term as the Lee County delegate on the Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

9. Mary Upchurch reported that the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board met March 19, 2019. NC Division of Aging & Adult Services is in process of monitoring Triangle J Area Agency on Aging. The Ombudsman presented information. Jim Payne shared information about new technology to follow related to aging.
10. Jim Payne attended the March 2019 session of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. The first day's content was about how to contact and interact with elected representatives and advocate the needs of seniors. Day two's content was visiting elected officials at their Raleigh offices.
11. Old/New Business. Jim Payne requested to paint the steps yellow leading down from the grand hall kitchen. This is the area volunteers use to pick up meal delivery. Melanie Rodgers announced 2019 Senior Games & Silver Arts of Lee County information. Registration takes place in April and events in May 2019.
12. The next Senior Services Advisory Board meeting will be at 8:30 AM, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at The Enrichment Center. The FY20 Home and Community Care Block Grant Hearing will be held at the Wednesday, May 15, 2019 meeting.
13. With no further business, Henry Merritt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Ann Gaster and all in favor, 9:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary.

Debbie Davidson, Secretary

Jim Payne, Chair Jim Payne