

LEE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

The Enrichment Center Conference Room, 1615 S. Third Street, Sanford, NC 27330

Board Members Present: Cleo Bryant, Trudy Forrest, Mary Ann Gaster, Henry Merritt, Jim Payne, Joyce Smith, Mary Upchurch

Board Members Absent: Commissioner Robert Reives

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 introductions were made. Jim Payne announced a quorum is present and asked if there were additional items for the agenda. With no further items, Mary Upchurch made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Cleo Bryant, all in favor.
2. Jim Payne asked the board if they had read the minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting and if there were any questions or corrections. With no questions or corrections, Mary Upchurch made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Cleo Bryant, all in favor.
3. There were no public comments.

8:38 a.m. Trudy Forrest arrives. 8:40 a.m. Henry Merritt arrives. Jim Payne requested to move to item number 5. Melanie Rodgers reviewed the August 2018 Finance and MySeniorCenter Reports. Mary Ann Gaster asked if we anticipate any additional expenditures due to the anticipated hurricane. Melanie Rodgers advised COLTS will assist with transporting citizens to the shelter. The area is included in disaster relief and Lee County Government will submit reimbursement to FEMA for related expenses.

4. Debbie Williams reviewed upcoming program information and distributed the September 2018 Center Post. We cancelled the Diners Club participants' trip to the Lee Regional Fair due to Hurricane Florence. Also due to the hurricane, we rescheduled the Yee Haw dinner with local entertainer Faith Bardhill to October 11. Tai Chi classes are popular and fill up quickly. Additional classes are available. Health & Wellness days will be September 21 and October 12. Vendors will be available for health screenings, flu shots, products, services and information. The Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 27 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donate fresh baked goods (Fri., 10/26) to Debbie Williams for the bake sale. Bake sale and Rada Cutlery sale proceeds benefit The Enrichment Center, Inc. Helping Fund. The Veterans Appreciation Breakfast will be Thursday, November 8 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center. Registration is required. Debbie welcomed suggestions from the board for senior center programs.
6. Debbie Davidson provided Senior Services and COLTS updates. NCDAAAS and Triangle J Area Agency on Aging have determined the allocations for additional FY2019 Home and Community Care Block Grant funding. It is not recurring. The plans for Lee County's additional funding include home repair, home delivered meals, fitness equipment, other equipment and technology. Lee County Emergency Management and the County Manager's office are keeping departments up to date regarding Hurricane Florence, which is expected to make landfall in Lee County Thursday, 9/13/18. COLTS vehicles come off the road when wind gusts reach 30-35 mph. SanLee Middle School is the shelter for Lee County citizens and pets kept at the McSwain Center. Be aware of curfews. For Lee County storm and operations updates call (919) 718-4686.
7. Mary Upchurch advised the next Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board meeting will be September 18, 2018.
8. Mary Upchurch advised the Senior Tar Heel Legislature meeting would be October 2 and 3, 2018 in Raleigh. The STHL celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2018 and will have a banquet commemorating the

anniversary. Delegates will vote on the 2019 priorities. Mary distributed to the board a ballot for their vote on the top five most important proprieties.

9. Old/New Business. Debbie Davidson reported three interns are still working at the Center in programs. Two from UNC School of Nursing and one from CCCC in Human Services. The fitness program intern withdrew her request for internship due to accepting employment. Jim Payne suggested recognizing participants who have completed classes or programs through posting their photo on a board or the TV announcements, with their permission. Posting photos and recognition will also encourage others.
10. The next meeting date is Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at The Enrichment Center.
11. Jim Payne entertained a motion to adjourn. Trudy Forrest made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce Smith, all in favor. The meeting ended at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Melanie Rodgers on behalf of Debbie Davidson, Secretary



Jim Payne, Chair

