

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

LOCATION Hale Senior Activity Center

DATE / TIME July 22, 2024, 9:00AM

Officers Present: Cindy Cole, Stella Moya, Maryanne Fisher

Officers Absent: Jane Harkey

Members Present: Patricia Walden, Cara York, Debra Anderson, Arlene Ryan-Veldhuis, John Oliva

Members Absent: Jane Pendley

City Staff Present: Brett Montegny - City Liaison

Friends of DCoA/Guests: Tom Dugard, Jessie Brown - Technology Natives

Applicants to Membership: Kathleen Sands Martin, Bill Gross, Sue Woolsey, Michael Post, Jean Perrin

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cindy Cole called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

1. PRESENTATIONS

- Chair Cindy Cole introduced the new applicants, who presented themselves and expressed their interest in becoming members of this Committee.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Approval of Minutes** – Chair Cindy Cole announced the agenda item and asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Hearing two corrections, Cindy Cole asked for a motion to approve with corrections.

MOTION: Motion was made by Cara York, and seconded by Arlene Ryan-Veldhuis to accept and approve with corrections the June 24 minutes.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. IG Week Planning: Discussion, Ideas and Suggestions

- Involve schools' Principals.
- Revise, suggest changes/additions to the last year's letter sent to the teachers. Include specific criteria and guidelines.
- Possibility to add 6th and 7th graders. Many private schools in Dunedin do not have a substantial number of 8th graders. This option will present two problems:

1. How to evaluate essays across the different grade levels.
 2. There will be more essays to read.
 3. Maybe to consider different levels and a winner for each level.
- Involve the previous SHOF winners.
 - Consider idea from a teacher to align it with the curriculum.
 - Adding incentives like a prize for the school or the classroom teacher
 - Target the PTA's.
 - Consider perhaps a different way of expressing other than writing an essay.
 - Get sponsors for prizes.
 - Coordinate with a mentoring program like Lunch Buddies.
 - All the members will read the essays and will vote.
 - Will continue discussion about changing the date of the contest.
 - We will finish this planing next month.

b. Technology (AARP OATS) Update

- OATS is a program that offers technology classes for older adults.
- Our goal will be to bring this program to the Hale Center.
- There is no cost to be a part of this program. AARP provides the entire curriculum and all the workbooks.
- Will need more computers, between eight to fifteen. Our actual technology center has six computers. IT person said we cannot add any more computers over there because it was too much for that room.
- Brett reached out AARP and ask if we possibly could be approved for the Grant with only six computers with the idea that if the program is successful, we will get ways to get more computers. Maybe even using a technology cart with laptops.
- If we don't start in January, we will have to wait until next Fall.
- There is a chance to get approved for the Grant with six computers, and Brett is going to apply.
- John will do a five week training to be the instructor and Brett will do a training to be the administrator.
- A survey will indicate what classes and how interested people are.
- Brett is looking into how to get the proper support and the money for this project once we see that this is something that we want to do.

c. Membership and Vice Chair Position

- All members will receive the evaluations to read and evaluate. In August, we will vote on the three positions that we need, one member and two alternates.

- Chair Cindy Cole nominated John Oliva to occupy the Vice Chair position. We will vote on this position in August.

d. Vote on Annual Report

- Add Area Agency on Aging Pasco/Pinellas to the list of community partners who attended our meetings.
- Add that Promedica Arden Courts worked with the Committee on Aging to provide the documentary “Gen Silent” in 2023. Discussion about the possibility to show the film again in 2025.
- Check if there’s more members that were in the committee in 2023, and add them to the report.

Approval of the 2023 Annual Report: Maryanne Fisher asked for a motion to accept the 2023 Annual Report.

MOTION: Motion was made by Cara York and seconded by Arlene Ryan-Veldhuis to approve the yearly 2023 Annual Report with the corrections that we mentioned.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. AARP - No Update

b. Maryanne Fisher - Public Relations Update-

- Nothing new to report. Maybe next month with the new members we will have ideas for press releases.

c. Friends of the DCoA Update -

- **Georgia Smith - Neighborly** - Expressed many thanks to this Committee for the letter of support written to Representatives in Tallahassee.

d. Staff Liaison - No Update -

- e. Citizen Input:** Maryanne Fisher announced a Free Seminar on Alzheimer’s Disease with Dr. Thomas Pearson on August 29, 2024 at Arden Courts.

5. NEXT MEETING

- **Date:** August 26, 2024, 9:00 am at Hale Center.
- **Topics for August Meeting:**

- Annual Planning Meeting
- Spread sheet from last year
- IG planning and maybe changing the month
- Update on the Technology (John). Move it under AARP.
- Voting on three positions Membership and Vice Chair Position

Approval of August Agenda: Chair Cindy Cole asked for a Motion to approve the Agenda for August.

MOTION: Motion to approve the August 2024 Agenda was made by Cara York and seconded by Chair Cindy Cole.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

Chair Cindy Cole asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by John Oliva and seconded by Deb Anderson to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stella Moya, Secretary
Dunedin Committee on Aging

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