COMMISSION ON AGING (COA) WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2022 8:30AM

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3. Acceptance of Prior Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Old Business

- a. Reflections from those that attended the Live Well information session (Angela Corentin, Tonya Maurer)
- b. Review recommended Meeting dates for 2023 (Tonya Maurer)
 - a. January 4
 - b. February 1
 - c. March 1 or 8
 - d. April 5
 - e. May 3
 - f. Skip: June, July, August; call special meeting if appropriate
 - g. Sept 6 (Labor Day week) or 13
 - h. October 4
 - i. November 1
 - j. Skip: December
- c. Collect list of goals/activities for 2023 that we can prioritize off-line (Tonya Maurer)
 - a. Review approach
 - b. Current Ideas (note that some items are recommendations, or drafts for the Sr Center to receive and implement with CoA assistance):
 - i. Discuss and recommend approaches to transportation
 - ii. Draft a **welcome sheet/document** of key Senior Center benefits that can be used for new residents in town/at communities

- iii. With every meeting lock on the **top 1 or 2 items** from the Senior Center that the commission members can share with their social networks
- iv. Starting with Mandy's list draft a handout around vendors/groups that help with home projects (i.e. Gilead Helping Hands), help with shoveling snow/raking leaves, yada yada
- v. Starting with Mandy's list draft a handout around where to donate things (medical equipment, household items)
- vi. Strategize and provide recommendations around getting Senior Center information to those that are not technological skilled leave no-one behind
- vii. Host a table at the Maple Fest
 - 1. Provide information from the Senior Center
 - 2. Top documents to have at the ready during an emergency
 - 3. Provide information about dementia/being a dementia age friendly community
 - 4. Run the Bookcase Video on a loop
- viii. Bring a topic to each meeting for us to better understand so we can share with others
 - 1. Examples: Heating Assistance process, Meals on wheels, handy-helpers, Medicare open enrollment
- ix. Review volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center or other organizations in town that support those 55 and up
- c. Conduct a round table to collect more ideas
- d. Adult & Senior Services Social Worker Position (Sharon Garrard)
- 6. Municipal/Senior Center Report (Sharon Garrard/Mandy Roczniak)
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