

Anne Arundel County
Department of Aging and Disabilities
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

Minutes

May 17th, 2024

10:00am Hybrid Meeting

Present Members:

Russell Jones

Jamarri Bright

Shirley Norlem

Angela Mickalide

Kathy McNally

Maryann Yarbrough

Absent Members:

Jordan Derby

Ettice Patton

Next Meeting will be a hybrid meeting on June 21st in the Independence Room (Heritage 2664) and Zoom webinar on at 10:00am

I. Minutes

- a. April minutes were reviewed by the council and approved.

II. Council Reports

a. Department Personnel

i. Karrisa Kelly (Director)

- 1. Older Americans Month Event (May 23rd)
 - a. Registration is ongoing. 259 have registered so far.
 - b. Karrisa informed the group on all of the planned activities.
 - c. Four different food trucks will be there.
- 2. Area Plan Survey
 - a. A record number of responses were received, 1,435 so far.

b. Senior Centers

i. Annapolis Senior Activity Center (Shirley Norlem)

1. Annapolis was an early voting center. Resulted in new members and generated sales at the Bazaar Table.
2. Our Director produced a newly formatted monthly newsletter "The Breeze" available on line and at the Center. In addition to showing inhouse and virtual AACC classes, it gave tips for AACC registration, Senior Center Plus, AA County Office of Transportation, the AAA Area Survey 2024, and celebration of Older Americans Celebration at Pip Moyer.
3. New classes highlighted - Mind Alert, Beginner's Basic Bridge, Tai Chi Balance Basics.
4. Thirty members attended the special Mother's Day Lunch catered by Red Hot & Blue with entertainment by Mike and Veronica.
5. Captain Klinedinst, Annapolis Police Dept. gave a presentation "Active Assailant Training." It was suggested that the Police Department needs to address how disabled, wheelchair bound seniors can hide, escape, play dead.
6. The director invited members to help start a garden in the court yard which will contain a variety of vegetables.
7. The permanent Bazaar Table has netted a little over \$1, 000 since Oct.1. And a permanent space behind the stage has been allocated for a store. When purged and cleaned it will morph into a store supplemented by the Bazaar Table.
8. The new check-in system is in.
9. Continuing to clean and purge the Center.

ii. South County Senior Activity Center (Russell Jones)

1. The book sale earned \$1,600.
2. The jewelry sale is coming soon.
3. Fathers Day celebration lunch will be held on 6/17.
4. A fire drill was held on 5/17.
5. The Classics played at the Maryland party on 5/10.
6. An Older Americans Month luncheon will be held on May 31st.
7. There was a discussion of classes continuing that are available for free rather than for a fee from AACC.
8. There was a suggestion for a short blurb on survey results for each center to be added to the newsletter.

iii. Pasadena Senior Activity Center (No Report)

iv. O'Malley Senior Activity Center (Kathy McNally)

1. The annual flower sale was successful.
2. The Durable Medical Equipment program is running well.
3. Election day went well.
4. The Mother's Day Tea was successful.
5. 70 people attended the Arundel Alarmers event. Hot dogs were served.
6. A fire drill is set for 5/3.
7. Two different scam presentations have been held.
8. Their technology intern Beverly will be leaving the center soon. A suggestion was that she apply for a Senior Center Associate position.
9. Landscapers have mulched and trimmed the trees.
10. A Juneteenth presentation is scheduled.

v. Arnold Senior Activity Center (Maryann Yarborough)

1. Summer class registration starts Tuesday.
2. A successful fundraiser at Juleps was held on 5/16.
3. Future fundraisers; 6/5 Senor Chiles, Arnold. 7/16 LaPosta, Severna Park. 8/25 Romilo's, Severna Park. 9/11 Donnelly's Dockside, Arnold. 11/4 The Point, Arnold.
4. The purse sale and raffle was a success.
5. The June yard sale will be held on 6/7 and 6/8.
6. A bus trip will go on June 12th to The Vintage Consignment shop.
7. The Volunteer lunch will be held on 6/20.

vi. Pascal Senior Activity Center (Jamarri Bright)

1. There are two seats left for the 6/7 trip to see Jersey Boys.
2. Reservations are being accepted for the June 2025 trip to Montreal and Quebec.
3. The new Pascal Director was announced, Katy Owings.

vii. Brooklyn Park Senior Activity Center (Ettice Patton)

1. No report

III. Old Business

a. Older Americans Month Event

- i. Help is needed with decorations on the day of the event.
- ii. There will be two tables with gift bags and distribution help is needed. In addition, these bags will need to be moved from the storage room to check in area.
- iii. Arrival time for council members - 8:30am.
- iv. Staff will help with parking and photography.

IV. New Business

- a. A suggestion for County shirts for the council was made to wear at OAM. Heidi will check with Martha to see if we have any extras in stock.

V. Public Comment

- a. Angela Mickalide participated in a webinar that addresses older adult employment.
- b. Angela suggested that a powerpoint presentation be developed for senior centers to present the survey results.

VI. Adjournment

- a. All approved.

Advisory Council adjourned at 11:30am

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Howard