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Council On Aging Minutes 12/17/2009

Minutes of Arlington Council On Aging Board meeting December 17, 2009

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chair Ann FitzGerald.

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Attending: Annette Bender, Bill Carey, Ann FitzGerald,~ Joanne Morel, Karen Nichols, Lucilia Prates, ex officio-John Jope, executive director of COA

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Absent: Mildred Hurd, Harry McCabe

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Guest: Andrew Fisher

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The **minutes of the November 19th** meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

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Report of the Chair was accepted (see attached).~ Karen and Ann will visit Mildred Hurd as she has not been able to attend several meetings.

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Citizen's Open Forum:~ We decided after discussion of needs to set as a goal to hold a Health Care Forum in the early Fall, especially to target less served and minority communities.~ Outreach in the past has been done by holding ethnic lunches which were well attended.

Annette, Ann, Bill, and Karen will form a subcommittee to plan this.

We will use the results of the upcoming Vision 20-20 survey to identify any needs we should address.

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Report of the Executive Director was accepted (see attached).~ Added~ was that the MCOA newsletter is now on line. (printed copies of this month's report were distributed to committee members).~ John also suggested we meet at 4 pm for our future meetings this winter. ~All members present said this would work for them.~ He requested that any one who has input for his annual report do so ASAP.

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The joint COA/ASA committee is prioritizing needs found in our recent survey.~

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~Joanne and Anne reported back from the **Arlington Seniors Association meeting**. No action on our suggestions was taken.~ No new liaison to that board was elected .~

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Unfinished Business:

There was a discussion of next year's budget.~ Bill feels we should be proactive and generate the COA budget before it goes to the department head.~ A level funded budget has been proposed by John.~ No further action was taken.

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The request to transfer funds from the Sevoyan Trust to Lifeline Subsidy and Dental Subsidy programs was discussed and tabled until the January meeting.~ We may need to cap the number of persons served by the dental subsidy program.

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Warrant Articles:~ John reported that we could send an annual edition of the "Senior Notes" to all Arlington seniors for \$1500.~ He suggested we remove this warrant article and ask the Friends of the COA to finance this.~ We voted unanimously to accept that proposal.

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New Business:~ John reported that Ann McGowan is videorecording different boards and committees. We decide to invite her to our meeting to record it.

We would like to include visitors at our meetings, especially younger caretaker family members.

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Lucilia brought informative packets and gave us an orientation on SMP where she is executive director.~ This organization, in concert with allied organizations, focuses on fraud and abuse.~ We expressed interest in inviting a representative to have a presentation for our seniors on these issues.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

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Respectfully submitted

Karen Nichols, recorder for the month

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next scheduled meeting is January 21, 2010 at 7 pm