

Senior Volunteer Services Advisory Council Meeting
March 16, 2017
Land of Sky Regional Council

Present- Gaylyn Justice, Willa Boswell, Woodie Dyches, Kathe Harris, Betty Barrier, Rich Lee, Wendy Lou Billings, Barbara Johnson, Charles Dickens, Porter Jennings, and Danna Stansbury

Staff- Stacy Friesland, LeeAnne Tucker, Ann Whisenhunt, Carey Shields (intern)

Gaylyn Justice called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gaylyn asked for approval of January minutes. No corrections needed to be made. The motion was made by Kathe Harris, seconded by Gaylyn. Motion carried.

Program Happenings:

Foster Grandparent Program *Stacy Friesland:* Mayor's Day- FGP/ SCP teaming up with Habitat AmeriCorps in Henderson County for a project. Date set for April 4 with Opening Introductions at 9am and project starting at 10am. Planning on visiting each County Commissioner/City Council meetings to issue proclamation.

Dates for each meeting:

- Asheville, Tuesday, March 28 at 5pm
- Buncombe County, Tuesday, April 4 at 5pm
- Transylvania County, Monday, March 27 at 7 pm
- Brevard, Monday, March 20 at 7pm

Senior Companion Program *Ann Whisenhunt:* April has a National Volunteer Week, but we are celebrating the whole month. Planning on going to Madison and Transylvania County to recruit volunteers.

Election of Board Chair *LeeAnne Tucker:* Kathe Harris has resigned from Chair. Nominations were taken for new Chair. Rich Lee nominated Gaylyn and Danna Stansbury seconded. Gaylyn accepted. Motion carried.

Vice Chair is now needed to be filled. Nominations for new Vice Chair were taken. Gaylyn nominated Rich Lee and Willa Boswell seconded. Rich accepted. Motion carried.

501(c)(3) Update *LeeAnne Tucker:* LeeAnne stated that she has a meeting scheduled later today with a woman from Transylvania County. No other word on the status.

Education Outreach *Stacy Friesland:* Stacy asked everyone to write a letter to our state Representative and two Senators. The President's budget was released this morning and volunteer services were not included in the budget along with other programs. The letters are to be sent to Laura Morgan- Kessler, NAFGPD federal advocate, and should be to educate and speak on experiences with the volunteer programs. These letters are due Friday, March 17,

2017, but Stacy mentioned that any time after the due date to educate the Members would still be beneficial.

Fundraiser Decision and Planning *Ann Whisenhunt*: The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs have come up with three fundraisers. The first being selling tickets for the Asheville Tourist Games. Tickets will be sold for \$7 each and \$3.50 will be given to the program. The tickets are vouchers and will be good for any game this season except Thirsty Thursday's or July 4. The decision to only accept cash was made to avoid any bad checks. Everyone was very excited for this event and ready to start selling tickets. The next fundraiser was mentioned by Stacy which was charity gift wrapping for Barnes and Noble. Stacy has been in contact with the Barnes and Noble's from both locations (Asheville Mall & Biltmore Park). The stores said they would put their event on the list for October and would be in contact. The last fundraiser was presented by Carey Shields, which was a mini golf tournament. There are three locations in mind for this event (Tropical Gardens, Play Station, Fun Depot). Once a venue has been decided then food arrangements, tickets, and a time can be set. They are also looking for a company to sponsor the event or even places to sponsor holes on the course.

Wendy Lou Billings mentioned that she has experience in this type of event and would be willing to help. She mentioned getting local high schools and colleges involved in playing or finding people to sponsor teams.

Updates from the Community *All*:

LeeAnne announced the World Elder Abuse Awareness Walk being organized by Buncombe County and the Area Agency on Aging. The date is set for June 15, 2017 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm with opening remarks at 6pm by Sheriff Duncan.

Wendy Lou talked about Meals on Wheels and how they have now added a 26th route. They have a 22% growth and plan on growing even more. Henderson County is in need of volunteer to fill positions of this 26th route.

Danna mentioned the BCCP (Breast and Cervical Cancer Project) in which Madison County Health Department is hosting a masquerade ball on Oct. 28, 2017. The ball can be found on Eventbrite and will be located at the art studio near the island in Marshall.

Gaylyn announced that TD Bank is looking for new accounts and will be giving people money for creating an account with them.

Ann brought up the volunteer fair on April 19, 2017 in Transylvania County where they will be recruiting volunteers.

LeeAnne thanked all of the volunteers for what they have been doing and the meeting was adjourned by Gaylyn.