

FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
February 1, 2023

Attendees: Marie MacDonald, Patricia Miller, Barbara Reisner, Jeannette Rivers, Leon Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: State Representative Bobby Gibson, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services liaison), Tina Pesola (guest), Kay Sherman (guest)

Absent: Robert Berman, Halesteen Graham Days, Susan Odoms

Pat called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

Old Business:

Possibility of an off-site meeting: tabled until April.

AARP tax aide volunteers will begin their free tax preparation service on February 8. This year they are offering both drop-off and in-person appointment options. Appointments are required and may be made through the senior services office.

A valentine-themed paint night party will take place on Friday, February 10.

Public Comments:

State Representative Bobby Gibson spoke about *Acts Affecting Seniors*, and provided handouts to all attendees. Additional copies are available in the senior services office. Representative Gibson also said that he was interested in presenting another panel discussion at the senior center in the spring (similar to the one last fall).

Representative Gibson was asked about being named deputy speaker.

The question was raised as to what the difference is between a warming (or cooling) center and a shelter.

After presenting the program *Reminiscence - A Life's Journey* at the senior center for the past five years, facilitator Irma Clemons has decided to retire. We thank her for her time and dedication to a program that so many participants enjoyed.

There will be a Valentine's Day cupcake drive-through on Tuesday, February 14. This event is free, but tickets are required.

The next SNAP-Ed program at the senior center will take place at 10:30 am on Friday, February 17. This program is open to any adult over the age of 18 who would like to participate.

Library staff plans to begin offering a version of techie time at the senior center, answering questions pertaining to electronics such as cellphones, tablets and notebook computers.

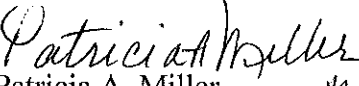
The town has established a department of strategic communications. An invitation will be extended to India Rogers to come to the next COA meeting and explain what the department does.

Leon made a motion to approve the January minutes. Peter seconded. All were in favor. The minutes are approved.

Jeannette made a motion to adjourn; Marie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, March 1.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia A. Miller *PA*
Secretary