

Tuolumne County Committee on Aging

Minutes of Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023, 1:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Introductions

A. Establishment of Quorum

- i. Quorum established – 9 members present
- ii. COA Chairman David Goldemberg, Britne Gose, Zandra Bietz, Kristi Conforti, Tim Gillespie, Catherine Driver, John Featherstone, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock
- iii. Meeting called to order at 1:54 pm

B. Introductions

- i. No introductions needed

2. Public Comments:

- A. COA Member Kristi Conforti discussed working with Public Health on a grant related to a community needs assessment. The application was submitted Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and notice of awards are expected by November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- B. COA Member Cathie Peacock discussed having attended several senior related meetings outside of the COA since the previous meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. COA Member Ted Michaud motioned to approve the minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second from COA Member John Featherstone.

4. Chairman's Report:

- A. COA Chairman briefly discussed catching up from being absent. While admitting that recent Board activities did not relate directly to the concerns of seniors in Tuolumne County, he did brief the committee on the ongoing process to renovate and occupy the historic courthouse, and an upcoming presentation by PG&E to inform the public about their operations in the area.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- A. The current COA balance is \$9,738.18

- B. There was no update on the status of credit cards for the COA.
  - C. There was no update on the status of COA nametags and the contact at the trophy store who agreed to produce them has been unresponsive.
- 6. CAO Staff Report:
  - A. Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> was the first day of new Assistant CAO Roger Root.
- 7. Work Groups Liaison:
  - A. COA member Cathie Peacock summarized the status of the upcoming Centenarian event. She reported that there has been limited responses to the letters that were sent out. Discussion ensued about the difficulties getting responses.
- 8. Unfinished Business:
  - A. CAO staff gave a brief statement that donations to a charity (in reference to the Wish of a Lifetime foundation, but not exclusive to it) could not be guaranteed to be granted to a county resident.
  - B. COA member Kristi Conforti further clarified that while a donation cannot be guaranteed to a specific community, if a community member were chosen, Wish of a Lifetime can ensure that a donation could go to that person.
  - C. COA member Zandra Bietz joined at 2:15pm
- 9. New Business:
  - A. Consideration of returning to in-person meetings
    - i. Due to the specific additional risk to the members of the COA from COVID-19, a return to in-person meetings will be on hold until the completion of the dedicated committees/commissions room.
  - B. Brainstorming for 2024
    - i. Discussion ensued regarding COVID-19 messaging, senior homelessness, and inclusion of a tribal representative from Chicken Ranch.
- 10. Additional Comments/Questions:
  - A. Discussion ensued about Zoom settings and potential Brown Act implications involved with committee members being able to send private messages amongst each other.
  - B. COA member Tim Gillespie informed the committee of changes to local bus schedules due to the installation of the new bus stops on W Stockton Street. The

new bus schedules are expected to go into effect if there is no participation at a public meeting about the schedule change on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

11. Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM