

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING
Bykota Senior Center
611 Central Avenue, Third Floor, Room 308
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Present: Cyndy Allen, Virginia Billian, Frances Bond, Don Gabriel (by phone), Allan Hirsh, Bill Lambert, Roy Moreland, Mabel Murray, Sheila Roman, Sherita Thomas, Melody Truffer, Cathy Ward

Staff: Phyllis Myers, Laura Riley

Excused: Eula Marshall, Marlene Siegel

I. The Meeting Came to Order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Announcements

- Anne Perry recognition scheduled for November meeting
- John Donohue of Jacksonville to attend November meeting
- December 19th Luncheon meeting will be at Bluestone Restaurant

III. Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes approved as submitted

IV. Old Business

Villages

- Villages Fact Sheet has been finalized
- Phyllis will send it in an e-mail to COA members and John Donohue of Jacksonville
- Sheila offered to be a link to the County for Villages
- The Commission will forward questions for John Donohue to Phyllis prior to the November meeting

Scams

- More seniors are being scammed, COA brainstormed suggestions on how to get the word out to make seniors more aware

COA Mission Statement

- The Commission voted on and approved the following Mission Statement:

The Commission on Aging serves in an advisory role to the Department of Aging by supporting its mission in advocating for the needs of older adults to ensure they receive the highest level of service and assistance.

- The Bylaws Committee will work on getting it added to the COA Bylaws

V. New Business

- Cyndy pointed out an article in the Wall Street Journal entitled, “*When Did You First Feel Old?*”
- Phyllis will copy and get it to all COA members to read

VI. Director’s Updates – Laura Riley on behalf of Joanne Williams

- Expo Update – total funds have not been released yet; less attendance than in the past, may have been due to the earlier dates in October and Jewish Holiday on Thursday; new Seniors In Need donation booth collected almost \$2,200; food donation up almost 40%, 280 bags of can goods collected; BCDA will have a debriefing and Laura will get back to the Commission

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.