

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ON AGING

The Washington Parish Council on Aging held its annual membership meeting on April 26, 2024, at Cassidy Park in Bogalusa, LA. at 10:30 a.m. pursuant to previous notice. The meeting was called to order by Board President Douglas Coon and the board was led in invocation by Rev. Louis Smith. The board was also led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Douglas Coon.

A roll call of attendance was made. Present were Mr. Jim Kemp, Ms. Maida Thomas, Ms. Bernice Crain, Ms. Deborah McCloud, Ms. Jackie Fortenberry, Rev. Louis Smith, Mr. Douglas Coon, Ms. Wanderly Weary, Ms. Sarah Howard, Ms. Linda Manning, Mr. Aulton Cryer and Ms. Linda Martin. Absent were Ms. Louise Topps, Mr. Raymond Tate and Ms. Ann Daughdrill. Also present were Ms. Leona Magee, executive director, and Ms. Samanta Penton, financial clerk, as well as Mr. Ted Dittmer, attorney. A quorum was declared present and the meeting opened for business. It was determined that proper notice of the Annual Meeting was made and thus the board was properly convened for conduction of business.

Minutes of the March 23, 2024 regular meeting of the board were reviewed. Mr. Kemp moved and Rev. Smith seconded motion to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

President Coon called for any public comment, there being none, the regular membership meeting resumed. Mr. Coon called upon the nominating committee to make a report. A report was presented by Ms. Leona Magee who went through the list of all eligible volunteers who had met and agreed to serve on the board.

A vote was taken by written ballot, and the six nominees were elected unanimously. The newly elected board members are Ms. Birtieree Schillings, Ms. Audrey Stringer, Ms. Geraldine Robinson, Ms. Wanderly Weary, Mr. Aulton Cryer and Mr. Ken Martin.

Ms. Magee reported that the current millage rate approval required a new vote as the prior approval was made too early. Rev. Smith moved to approve current millage and Mr. Cryer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Magee presented the finance committee assignments including Linda Manning, Chair; Sarah Howard, Vice Chair; Bernice Crain; Rev. Louis Smith and Deborah McCloud.

Sam Penton presented the financial report for period July 2023 – March 2024, showing budgeted vs. actual income and expenditures. Ms. Penton noted that the council is under budget at this point and should be on budget by the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Magee presented a summary report of services provided through March 2024 including meals and transportation. President Coon noted that services increased overall by 25%.

Ms. Magee welcome new board members and presented gifts to all.

There being no further business to come before the membership, motion was made by Mr. Cryer, seconded by Mr. Kemp to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned.

E.B. Dittmer