



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Executive Committee Attendees: Janet Proctor, Pat Jackson, Merrill White, Charleen Knox, Annette Hill, Frankie Pendergrass, Amelia Dent, Lorine Bizzell, Erica King, Barbara Johnson, Maureen Craig, Conneva Hall, Dorothy Linton, Dorothy Wright, Reggie Hester, Barney Franklin, Sherry Cooper-Melton, Patrina Johnson, James Simon. **Member Attendees: 71: COE Members.**

Janet Proctor, COE President, called the virtual meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 11:01 AM. COE Vice President, Pat Jackson, introduced the Officers, new Committee Chairpersons, and agenda. Lorine Bizzell, Secretary, read the February 8, 2022, Minutes. Frankie Pendergrass made a motion to approve the Minutes with any necessary changes, seconded by Annette Hill. One revision corrected the Intergenerational Gospel Program event that will be held April 14, 2022. The motion carried with 12 votes.

Pamela Poole- Stark's March Senior Nugget: *"When Doubt comes to visit, do not give him his own room!"*

COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE (COE) COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Chair, Frankie Pendergrass met with the LWSC staff about a Newsletter Question and Answer section. This section will enhance how issues and concerns are submitted.

PROGRAM: The Chairperson position is vacant. "We need You!" Please contact Pat Jackson if you are interested in becoming a committee Chairperson or member.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Chair, Charleen Knox reported that the Black History Program was successful. There is a March Bingo Game. Thomas Powe discussed the April 14, Intergenerational Gospel Program. Please submit names for groups or persons who will participate. One of the purposes is to exhibit multi-generations and diverse cultures and types of music. Performances should be less than 4 minutes. Please contact Thomas Powe via Email (check the Chat) for more information.

CLUBS, CLASSES, AND GROUPS: Chair, Amelia Dent discussed working on the committee's Policies and Procedures.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH: Chair, Patrina Johnson reported that a committee member attended the Voter Education Town Hall meeting sponsored by

Commissioner, Mereda Davis-Johnson, and Robert Patrick. The Committee will sponsor a Zoom Training for the Council of Excellence Officers on March 17, 2022.

COURTESY AND SUNSHINE: Chair, Dorothy Wright made a motion that the COE Executive Board approve a Remembrance Section to be posted in the LWSC Newsletter that acknowledges deceased Lou Walker members in the last monthly issue each month. The post should include: the deceased member's name, date of transition, and a picture of the member. The Courtesy and Sunshine Committee will report information to the Lou Walker staff. Furthermore, this will include a Sick and Shut-In section posted weekly on an as is basis that acknowledges the names only of Lou Walker members who are ill. The Courtesy and Sunshine Committee will report information to the staff after receiving confirmation from members. The motion carried with **11** Yes votes and **one** No vote.

DECORATING: Co-Chair, Mary Bolton reports that the committee is working on signage for the Center's soft opening.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Chair, Sherrie Cooper is recruiting committee members. She discussed the importance of preventative healthcare programs, health education, and training opportunities for LWSC Members. She stated that one does not need a background in health but having a healthy state of mind is important. You learn more when you are having fun!

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOME: Chair, Conneva Hall reports that the committee is working on a Welcome Back event and a Meet and Greet when Lou Walker reopens.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Chair, Annette Hill submitted a report; no activities are planned at this time.

SAFETY: Chair, Barney Franklin welcomes anyone who would like to serve on the Safety Committee.

PORTER SANFORD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: Chair, Barbara Johnson discussed plans to hold a Zoom Meeting with the Porter Sanford staff on the *Pros* and *Cons* of holding events at Porter Sanford.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No discussion

NEW BUSINESS (COE President, Janet Proctor)

Ericia and James must wait to make critical decisions about the Center through the correct chain of command. The County CEO, Michael Thurmond is at the top of the Hierarchy, followed by the Board of Commissioners. LWSC falls under the Dekalb County Human Services Department directed by Damon Scott at the next level.

There will be a COE Executive Committee Training on March 17th that will discuss hosting, managing, and setting up ZOOM meetings.

Please check the Website and the LWSC Newsletter for a variety of Lunch and Learn Sessions and other activities: including the Senior Caregivers Conference Schedule, information about: Alzheimer's, Medicare, Medicaid, and Property Taxes.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS (Ericia King, LWSC Director)

Ericia is working with James Simon on the Center reopening that will be limited to a certain number of people during specified time frames. Everyone has to register with their medical form and be interviewed by the Social Worker to keep their membership and to participate in activities. Contact the staff with questions. The staff is working on enhancements in different Center areas prior to reopening. The Center has a new Aquatics' Director and vendor for the cafeteria.

We were left with these positive thoughts: "You are never too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream." When you are on a team, it's not the strength of the individual players but the strength of the unit as they function together."

ADJOURNMENT

The COE Meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM after a motion for adjournment was made by Conneva Hall; seconded by Barbara Johnson. The next monthly meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Don't forget to sign-up on-line for the LWSC Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Email Address: LWSCCouncilofexcellence@gmail.com
- COE Phone Number: 770.322.2935 (currently unavailable due to construction)
- Link to Lou Walker website to see COE Monthly Committee reports, minutes, etc. after monthly meeting.
- Please send COE Committee Chairpersons' monthly reports to Janet Proctor, COE President and Cc: Pat Jackson, COE Vice-President by Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorine Bizzell and Merrill While
COE Secretaries