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**COE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 8, 2025**

**Executive Committee Attendees:** Conneva Hall, Pat Jackson, Lorine Bizzell, Roslyn Sledge, Ericia King, Renee Burwell, Frankie Pendergrass, Reggie Hester, Dorothy Wright, Thomas Powe, Wilma Byrd. Pat Jones, Barney Franklin, Shaunte Ragin

At 1:04 PM, COE President, Pat Jackson welcomed everyone and called the COE meeting to order. Motion to approve Meeting agenda passed after a motion was made by Vice-President Conneva Hall, with a second by Reggie Hester; motion unanimously passed. February 11, 2025 COE Executive Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes was read by Assistant Secretary, Roslyn Sledge. The Minutes were approved by President Jackson.

**COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE (COE) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ISSUES and CONCERNS:** Chair, Frankie Pendergrass reported there were 27 submissions to the suggestion box. Primary concerns included: ● noise from card games in the Victory Room impacts ability to hear presentation speakers ● Pool should be heated prior to center opening on Monday morning ● and suggestions for: gardening, additional Spanish classes, a Fire Safety presentation and Museum trips.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**: Chair, Thomas Powe, reported successful ticket sales for Ragtime and Ain’t Too Proud. Tickets for the August Bill Pickett Rodeo have been ordered. The BINGO and *Wind Down* events were successful and well attended. The next *Wind Down* is on May 9th. Future events are: the August *Apollo Seniors Got Talent*, and October *Country Western Day*.

**CLUBS, CLASSES & GROUPS:** Because of a number of challenging issues, Chair, Reggie Hester moved CCG Committee be suspended until further notice with a second by Conneva Hall. Motion accepted.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & OUTREACH:** Acting Chairperson, Pat Jackson reported upcoming events including: Intergenerational Day, Caregivers Conference, Musical BINGO, and an End of Year Coat Drive for children.

**COURTESY & SUNSHINE:** Chair, Dorothy Wright requested that members contact the Committee regarding get well and sympathy cards to send.

**DECORATING:** Chair, Wilma Byrd reports that she needs more committee members and help putting up decorations. Thomas Powe requested decorating the Victory Room stage for the May 9th *Wind Down*. Suggestions were made to recruit new committee members at New Members’ Orientation where a COE table with hand-outs is needed for all committees.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS:** Committee member Roslyn Sledge reported on several activities: working a promotional table at the New Members’ Orientation, sponsored Talking Woman to Woman and Talking Man to Man; attended the Black Health Matters Summit. Future plans include a Health and Wellness Information Table every other month, and sponsoring workshops for: High Blood Pressure, Senior Health, and Eye Care.

**HOSPITALITY & WELCOME:** Chair, Pat Jones, reported on the following committee activities: working monthly Birthday celebrations, conducting center tours, and assisting with New Members’ Orientation. They are planning New Member’s *Mix and Mingle Events*.

**NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS:** No report; Pat Jones reminded all there is still time to order COE T-shirts.

**SAFETY:** Chairperson, Barney Franklin reported on locating and using defibrillators. When spotting a member in need of medical attention immediately call for staff help. In case of an emergency, always exit at the nearest door and immediately travel to the front of the parking lot; assist others who need help. Move away from the building but do not attempt to leave the property to prevent blocking emergency vehicles. Only staff can request fire drills.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

All Committee planned events should be presented to the COE Executive Committee for review before completing and submitting an Event Form to the staff.

Please sign up online for the LWSC Newsletter and check the turnstile for class registration and other information. If you are still having trouble receiving the LWSC Newsletter, report this matter to Gabe.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Conneva Hall attended Senator Hank Johnson’s Town Hall Meeting where he discussed massive Government cuts on Medicaid. Georgia has the money to fill the gap, but Residents need to rally and demand Governor Brian Kemp release surplus funds that would help needy families, Seniors, the disabled and children. To stay informed LWSC members can sign up for Senator Johnson’s Newsletter. The COE sponsored 20th Anniversary Celebration is coming; some suggestions are; Jazz Night, LWSC Arts & Excellence Showcase, and LWSC Members Spotlight.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Activities Director Renee Burwell reported that the patio will be completed at the end of April. Submit COE Minutes and Reports to Renee so she can place them on the website. A 20th Anniversary Celebration is being planned. Members can submit celebration suggestions. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the patio. Hallways, corridors and patio will be named. Director Ericia King reported that Dekalb County CEO Lorraine Cochran Johnson, has issued an Executive Order that impacts the LWSC budget. LWSC cannot use any of the current budget on additional COE events that were not already authorized in the budget. The COE must submit a proposal requesting money from Dekalb for Seniors, Inc. (DKFS), and Ericia must approve all fundraisers and be advised of all funds raised. The DKFS Senior of The Year Luncheon fundraiser is on May 31st. DKFS is requesting help with the event and they are also recruiting Board Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pat reviewed the Calendar of Events for April. The next COE Quarterly Meeting will be held April 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM. Barney Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Wilma Byrd. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

COE Assistant Secretary, Roslyn Sledge