

**Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2019**

Present:

Chair Debra Franceschini-Gatje, George Noyes, Mary Morrisroe, Sheila Silverman, LynnMarie Wieland, Laura Giovannoli, Cathleen Savery, Andrea Beebe

Advisor: Karen Gaudian

Tony Phillips from Ridgefield Social Services

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Debra Franceschini-Gatje.

Sheila moved that we approve minutes from November meeting. Lynne Marie seconded the motion, all were in favor be accepted as written.

Debra reviewed officer positions that would be voted on.

First position voted on was for Chair. Andre made a motion to vote for Debra, Sheila seconded motion and all were in favor.

Second position voted on was Vice-Chair.

George made a motion to vote for Lynne Marie. Sheila seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Third position voted on was Treasurer.

George made a motion to vote for Sheila. Andrea seconded motion and all were in favor.

Debra made a motion to recind her chair position suggested Laura be made the new Chair. George seconded the motion. Cathleen seconded and all were in favor.

Debra expressed her interest in Secretary. Andrea made a motion to vote for Debra. Sheila seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Debra will update COA roster with new officer positions and email to all commissioners.

Sheila talked about strengthening our partnership with Founders Hall and help suggest some of their guest speakers.

Andrea discussed benefits of personally working with Karen on CHOICES program and mentioned that she left flyers at Bissell's Pharmacy to get the work out to seniors. Several appointments were made with Karen for a CHOICES review as a result. Flyers were also left at Founders and RVNA.

\*For 2020 we need to ensure that Ballard Green, Congregate and Meadows are aware of free service.

\*Ask the Library next year if they can take open appointments available in Karen's calendar to ensure all slots are utilized.

If anyone is interested in becoming a CHOICES counselor next year, Karen can advise when the 6 days of training takes place in 2020.

Debra will email COA mission statement to all commissioners.

Proposed items for discussion at January 2020 meeting:

Mission, Needs, Priorities and Budget

Every commissioner should also come with additional ideas and forward January agenda items to Laura.

With no further business, George made a motion to adjourn meeting. Laura seconded and all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Franceschini-Gatje  
Meeting Secretary