

**Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging
Board Minutes
January 30, 2008**

Board Members in Attendance

Chairman Richard Lovelady
Mr. Chris Green
Rev. Glenn Bynum
Mrs. Martha Thornburgh^h
Ms. Gay West
Ms. Lee Ann Clark
Mr. Gene Ford
Mr. Earl Cunningham

Correction: Thornburgh =

M4A Staff in Attendance

Carolyn Fortner
Kelly Lippert-Flick
Dianne Nance
Karen Blackmon

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Speakers/Guests Present

Judi Drew, future M4A employee
Anna S. Kittinger (CTP), Regions Financial Corporation
Anthony Holmes, Regions Financial Corporation

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to Order at approximately 1:45 p.m. by Chairman Richard Lovelady. There were no proxies.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Martha Thornburg to approve the agenda as is with no changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

C. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham to approve the minutes as is with no changes. The motion was seconded by Martha Thornburg. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

D. Executive Directors Report

The decision was made by Chairman Lovelady and Carolyn Fortner to move a. Regions and b. Signature Stamp to Old Business.

Mr. Gene Ford was introduced to the board as a new representative for St. Clair County. Mr. Ford will be replacing Commissioner Roberts, who has served on the M4A board since its inception.

A motion was made to accept Commissioner Roberts's resignation by Commissioner Cunningham and seconded by Rev. Bynum. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. The motion was passed.

A motion was made to approve Mr. Ford as Commissioner Robert's replacement by Rev. Bynum. It was seconded by Martha Thornburg. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. The motion was passed.

Commissioner Cunningham recommended M4A send a letter of appreciation to the St. Clair County Commission for their confidence and appointment of Mr. Gene Ford. Commissioner Cunningham also recommended M4A honor Commissioner Robert as a St. Clair County Commission Meeting.

c. Focus Groups

- Walker and St. Clair Counties are working to develop Respite Care Programs.
- Blount County is working to promote the Senior Fund.
- Chilton County is working to improve the meals waiting list, promoting the Hearts for the Hungry program and advocating with the Silver Haired Legislature for assistance with transportation.
- Shelby County is working to fully implement the NetWorks program. It is M4A's hope to expand this program to all counties in the region.

Carolyn Fortner presented to the Board the idea of implementing an Advisory Council, whose purpose would be to make recommendations to the Board and Staff regarding future initiatives for seniors. Rev. Bynum provided a history of past Advisory Councils within M4A. He supported the idea of forming another one that could be more active. Commissioner Cunningham echoed Rev. Bynum's feelings and felt that it was imperative for the agency to plan for the future needs of seniors. Possible council members might include: caregivers, service providers, etc.

d. Legislative Advocacy

- Earlier in the day, during the Board Training, Kelly Flick presented the Board with the Green Sheet that ADSS produced. The document listed program areas where ADSS was requesting increased funding. Kelly proposed the idea of doing a lobby day event in Montgomery in conjunction with the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature. Board members were in favor of the idea. Commissioner Cunningham recommended before the Board or M4A staff go to Montgomery they be trained in speaking/approaching legislative staff in an effort to be more effective. A signup sheet was passed around and several board members stated that they would be interested in the February 19th event.

e. Program Report

- Because each program coordinator presented at the Board training earlier in the day, there wasn't program report presented.

f. Fiscal Report

- Dianne Nance provided the Board with the first quarter financial reports. She pointed out that to date 25% of the proposed budget should have been spent, but only 18.9% had, which gives the agency some leeway. Overall she felt the budget looked good and welcomed the board to contact her if they had any questions.

E. Old Business

a. Regions vs. Bryant Bank

- A motion to rescind the transfer from Regions Bank to Bryant Bank was made by Rev. Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. A second motion was made to remain with Regions Bank by Rev. Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.
- Martha Thornburg confirmed that the increased interest rate that Regions was going to provide to M4A would wash out the monthly cost of keeping the account there.
- Discussion ensued about the Purchasing Cards. The Board decided for the time being M4A would purchase just one card to use to pay several monthly bills with in an attempt to reach a point to begin receiving incentives. The Board decided to readdress the option of providing Purchasing Cards to staff until the April 2008 Board meeting.
- A motion was made by Rev. Bynum to purchase one (1) Purchasing Card with the option with more in the future. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

b. Signatures

- A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham to have one signatory (either Carolyn or Kelly) on the account and to require a Shelby County Board member (usually Commissioner Acker or Commissioner Cunningham) to review monthly bank statements before the statement was reconciled. The motion was seconded by Martha Thornburg. Prior to the motion, Carolyn Fortner explained that this is how we've handled signatures and checks for the past 3 months and it has been working out well. Kelly Flick brought to light that this was the practice the Auditors recommended we implement.

F. New Business

a. Letter of Support

- A motion was made by Chris Green for M4A to submit a letter of support on behalf of United Way of Central Alabama's funding request to the National Center for Transportation. The motion was seconded by Gene Ford and Commissioner Cunningham. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

b. Staff Appreciation

- Chairman Lovelady suggested that a smaller committee of 3 board members convene to discuss the feasibility and/or plan an event to recognize M4A staff members for their service. The committee will include Rev. Bynum, Martha Thornburg and Gay West. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

c. Other

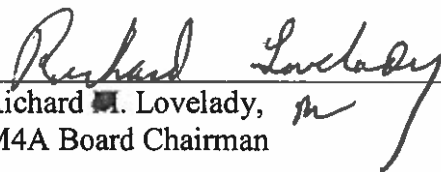
- Kelly Flick presented an overview to the Board on the Furniture designs that each had the opportunity to peruse throughout the day. She stated that the budget estimate was \$8,000.00 to \$10,000 for 4 rooms, but the kitchen was less of a priority. Mr. Lovelady recommended M4A discuss with Regions Bank the feasibility of receiving any unused furniture it might have available. Kelly will follow up with Anthony Holmes of Regions and explore this option. Mr. Lovelady recommended to the board that it table this discussion until the April meeting. Gene Ford made the motion to table this discussion and Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.

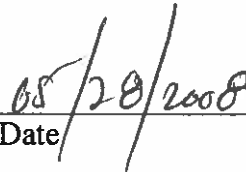
G. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Chris Green to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded unanimously. All board members were in favor. No board members were against. Motion was passed.
- Next Board Meeting: April 30, 2008. Venue to be determined.

correction: May 28, 2008 @ M4A

Approved:


Richard M. Lovelady,
M4A Board Chairman


Date