

Barnstable Council on Aging
825 Falmouth Rd
Hyannis, MA 02601

Monthly meeting – March 18, 2015
@10:00 AM

Minutes submitted by Mary Enos

Present: Katherine Evans, Helen Stretch, Josephine Melpignano, Angelo Tromba, Gary Sylvester, Ella Rollins, John Jope, Eleanor Letterie, MaryAnn Collins, Tom Pelish, Taylor Cobb, Barbara Cross, Madeline Noonan, Donna Burns

Absent: Paul Curley, Haskell Kennedy, Sara Cushing

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM and there was a quorum.

President's report:

No communications, meeting was continued.

Director's report:

- Visits to the SC down this winter due to the weather.
- March 18, 2015 was Mayor's for Meals day. Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager delivered meals with the volunteer drivers.
- Needs assessment – Survey being finalized and will be mailed out at the end of April/beginning of May
- Senior Compass - good feedback from the board. Still some glitches that are being worked out with the printing company
- John Jope will be an "Ombudsman" for the COA. He will meet with individuals or groups who have issues concerning the SC and bring them to the attention of the staff and COA board.
- Aging Mastery Program was completed. It was a success with 34 participants graduating.
- Madeline will be going to the Aging in America conference in Chicago from 3/22-3/27.
- St Patrick's day luncheon, Friday, March 20th is almost sold out. Sign up today if you want a ticket. All board members urged to attend.
- Volunteer luncheon will be on April 22 @ 1:30 PM

Asst Director's report:

- Busy with grants.
- Submitted Cape and Islands United Way grant - would be used for transportation if awarded.
- Applied for CHNA grant – waiting on response.
- Gale fund – will be used for LGBT program if awarded.

- Brown Bag truck funding was granted by Cape Cod Five Charitable Foundation.
- Marketing materials were given to Taylor Cobb and Barbara Cross for distribution.

Committee reports:

- Cross Health Information Center, rescheduled
- Outreach – Eleanor Letterie
 - Discussed Housing – 672 people on waitlist
 - Fuel Assistance
 - SHINE – enrollment has increased
 - Needs Assessment has 9 parts that are the basis of the study. They include Communications, Caregiving, Retirement planning, Housing, Healthcare, BSC Services, Socialization, Transportation and Demographics
- Transportation – Angelo Tromba
 - Angelo had to use the Silver Express for personal reasons and was very impressed with the service provided
- FBCOA – Gary Sylvester
 - New board member voted on, Karyn Wendell

Old Business:

- Looking for a secretary for our board
- There is an opening for a Chairperson on the building committee

New Business:

- Members were asked for suggestions on events and activities, what they would like to see brought to the senior center?
- Barbara Cross would like to have a change on the meeting time

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Next meeting to take place on April 15, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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