

Barnstable Council on Aging
825 Falmouth Rd
Hyannis, MA 02601

Monthly Meeting – February 17, 2016
@ 9:00 AM

Present: Taylor Cobb, John Jope, Josephine Melpignano, Eleanor Letterie, John Alden, Paul Curley, Helen Stretch, Ella Rollins, Barbara Cross, David Nolan

Also present: Donna Burns, Assistant Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM and a quorum was met. The minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

Director's Report:

- Madeline is attending an MCOA marketing group in search of enhancing awareness of senior programming
- Compass. Working on the first Compass with Liturgical Publications. The new Compass will be a bi-monthly. There are good relationships with the Patriot (former printers of the Compass). Still helping by covering events of the senior center. Set-up for the new publication will now be done in house which gives the center all the control over what is being printed.
- FBCOA is willing to take over the postage for the mailings of the Compass
- Board members have been removed from the mailing list and asked to pick up their copy in-house
- Generator is being discussed with the town. One consideration would be if the center was willing to be an emergency shelter.
- The senior center hosted the mature workers meeting here at the center. We have two mature workers here that are paid for by a federal grant that Elder Services receives so there is no expense to the center or the town
- LGBT is being worked on but off to a slow start. Alzheimer's and Dementia LGBT Caregiver support group is beginning. There will be support for the clients here so the caregivers will be able to attend if necessary
- We received a grant for a networking group. Two classes have already started. They meet the first and third Tuesday every month through June 21st. The MCOA is the sponsor of the group
- The FBCOA were thanked for there generous donation of a kindle and approximately \$100 monthly to help support themed activities for the ASD program for 6 months.
- St Patrick's Dinner is scheduled for May 15

FBCOA

- FBCOA is working on marketing to bring awareness and improve support of the Friend's organization
- They are working on increasing activities and fundraisers on a monthly/bi-monthly basis
- Facebook and website are being discussed
- Discussions are being made on how to best use the funding from the crafter's group
- Considering on-line memberships

Activities Report

- Constant Contact emails are helping to get the word out about programs here at the center
- Limited funds for entertainment, hope for support with this matter
- Art classes are very successful and fill up quickly
- Computer tutoring 3 afternoons a week are going well with the seniors and the students giving of their time
- Meditation group is also very successful. This is a free class funded through a generous grant from CHNA27
- The turtle is a hit with the seniors. MEA has 43 diamond back turtles in 23 locations around the Town of Barnstable

Old Business – none

New Business

- Ombudsman reports few issues, there are some continuations still being worked out
- Ombudsman will be visiting classes to let clients know of this service for anyone in need

Meeting adjourned at 9:45

Next meeting March 16 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos