

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNCIL ON AGING

DATE AND TIME: September 22, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Multi Service Center, Room 208

IN ATTENDANCE: Corrine Baker
Francine Balanca
Sharon Frank
Gene Prejsner
Nancy Sawyer
Muriel June Slaney

Gene Prejsner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked each member to introduce themselves and state their interests and concerns for future discussion. This was followed by the election of officers.

ELECTION RESULTS: Chairperson: Gene Prejsner on a vote of 6-0
Vice-chairperson: Sharon Frank on a vote of 6-0
Clerk: Muriel June Slaney on a vote of 6-0

Chair then opened discussion to determine day, time and location of regular monthly meeting. Result of discussion as follows:

MONTHLY MEETING: First Wednesday of every month commencing:

October 1, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Room 208
Multi Service Center

OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Gene Prejsner discussed the possibility of advertising lunches and events in Wareham Week, Courier, bulletin boards throughout town and getting our agenda and programming on existing web site. He will contact Matt Underhill to discuss the web site. Also questioned if possible to design a new site. In addition, he would like to get in touch with Liz Pizzoli to discuss the possibility of getting the "Beacon" up and running again.

Sharon Frank stated she had been in touch with several Councils on Aging in the area seeking advice on programming, fundraising and services. She offered to search out and set up a calendar with suggestions for new programs. Sharon also looked into time and place for training seminars for Board members.

Corrine Baker also expressed concern with the lack of advertising for events and services.

Muriel Slaney presented three memos re fundraising. (See attachments)

TO: Board of Directors
Council on Aging

FROM: MurielJune Slaney

RE: Meetings with other organizations

DATE: September 22, 2014

I would like to set up a meeting with Paula Hatch of the Friends of Wareham Elderly to discuss fundraising possibilities.
Specifically in the area of Social Media Marketing.

Requesting to meet with Ken Fontes, Director of the Wareham Boys and Girls Club, to explore the possibility of combining our efforts with regard to grant applications to the Robert Craft Foundation and the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Foundation. Both of these are very large grants geared to elderly and youth. With the prospect of the COA moving into the Hammond School, the Weinberg foundation is a very strong possibility.

TO: Board of Directors
Council on Aging

FROM: Muriel June Slaney

DATE: September 22, 2014

RE: Southampton MA Council on Aging

Each year, the Town of Southampton MA includes a Council on Aging donation card in their annual census mailing.

The Town Treasurer established a special fund designated for operating expenses of the Council on Aging. Donations are sent to the COA office manager who forwards these donations to the fund.

One of the concerns voiced with regard to moving into the Hammond School was sustainability. i.e. Five years down the road, would we be able to pay the electric bill, etc. This fund could be designated to only be used for that purpose.

In addition, once this fund is established, it would not be necessary to wait for the Census mailing. A form could be posted on Facebook, Twitter, etc. at zero cost. Cards and envelopes could be printed and distributed throughout town - cost to be determined.

I would like to speak with someone within the Southampton organization for more details.

Is this a possibility for us and to whom would it be presented?

TO: Board of Directors
Council on Aging

FROM: MurielJune Slaney

DATE: Sept. 22, 2014

RE: Resources Committee

I would like to request that the Chair establish a Resources Committee as outlined in Article VII of the Rules and Regulations of the Council on Aging Board of Directors. The charge of this committee will be to research and recommend fundraising opportunities available to Councils on Aging.