

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: July 1, 2015

TIME AND PLACE: 1:00 p.m.  
Room 208  
Multi-service Center

IN ATTENDANCE: Corinne Baker  
Francine Balanca  
Peter Dunlop  
Sharon Frank  
Judith Peterson  
Nancy Sawyer  
Muriel Slaney

ABSENT: Rosalie Bulu

GUESTS: Pam Dudley  
Joseph Salerno

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Dunlop

Minutes of June 3, 2015 distributed

Announcements:

Member Balanca suggested finding another term for seniors or elderly as it discourages our "junior" seniors from coming to the COA. It was decided to eliminate these terms whenever possible. Also, when publishing an activity, shrink the size of "Sponsored by the COA".

Citizen participation:

Joseph Salerno announced a fundraiser dinner to "benefit the adult community" in Wareham. He distributed several copies of a large laminated flyer and asked members to post in various locations. In addition to the flyers, Mr. Salerno handed out several smaller flyers announcing the dinner and asked that they too be distributed to various locations. Member Slaney distributed (25) tickets which had been given to her previously. Each Board member took a few to sell.

At that time, Chairman Dunlop asked Mr. Salerno if he would consider becoming an "Event Coordinator" for the Council on Aging. Mr. Salerno accepted and a vote was taken to confirm this position. It was confirmed on a vote of 6-0.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Statement from Chairman Dunlop:

a. Chairman Dunlop again requested that members not have side conversations during the meeting so that all members could be included.

b. Mr. Dunlop emphasized the need for more publicity regarding events and activities at the COA and would try to set up a guest spot with WCTV. A Publicity Committee was then set up consisting of Members Nancy Sawyer and Rosalie Bulu (in absentia) with Pam Dudley, COA Office Manager, as consultant. Mss. Sayer and Bulu will be responsible for contacting media outlets.

2. Coffee Hour Continuance:

After discussing the merits of continuing the Tuesday morning Coffee Hour, it was decided that it was a worthwhile endeavor and will continue through the month of August with further discussion to follow at future meetings. It was suggested that the hour be combined with other activities and used for promotional purposes.

3. Church of the Good Shepherd Fair:

Members Sharon Frank and Muriel Slaney announced that they would be taking a booth for the Advocates for Wareham Seniors at the Church of the Good Shepherd Fair on July 18<sup>th</sup> and invited the COA to share the booth (and the cost - \$12.50 ea.) to get information out about activities at the COA. After discussion, it was decided that Peter Dunlop and Judith Peterson would be responsible for the COA portion of the booth.

4. Pizza/Activities Party Results:

While not overwhelming, the party was considered a success. Several participants filled out the form for suggested future activities with no one committing to the day's activities. Among those activities/programs suggested were cribbage, beginner computer, sing a longs and political discussions. Member Frank has the complete breakdown available.

Other Topics:

Chairman Dunlop announced that the Whist Group would be returning to the MSC and using the "Mug and Muffin" room, making it necessary for the Board to change the time of its meeting. It was voted on and accepted on a vote of 6-0 to change the meeting time to the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. beginning in September.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of June 3, 2015 accepted on a vote of 6-0

Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2015  
1:00 p.m.  
Room 208, Multi-Service Center

Meeting adjourned on a vote of 6-0 at 2:45 p.m.

  
Prepared by Muriel June Slaney, Clerk

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