

Barnstable Council on Aging
825 Falmouth Rd
Hyannis, MA 02601

Monthly meeting – April 15, 2015
@ 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by Mary Enos

Present: Thomas Pelish, Helen Stretch, Josephine Melpignano, Angelo Tromba, John Jope, Eleanor Letterie, MaryAnn Collins, Gary Sylvester, Paul Curley, Madeline Noonan, Ella Rollins, Katherine Evans

Absent: Taylor Cobb, Barbara Cross, Haskell Kennedy, Sara Cushing

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and there was a quorum. The minutes were approved as written.

President's report:

- At the May 2015 meeting Paul would like to go over the by-laws. All board members should have a copy.

Director's report:

- Volunteer appreciation on May 22. Please sign up if you are going
- Our custodian has given his notice and will be leaving in May
- We are looking into leasing a new hybrid car with help from the FBCOA. Two charging station will also be installed here at the center
- We have been advised by EOEA to plan on the Formula Grant (state funds) to be level funded for the upcoming fiscal year.
- A small grant was given to the center from the CHNA. These funds will be used for a meditation program here at the center
- I attended the NCOA conference in Chicago and received a lot of useful information on the aging population
- Needs Assessment asset mapping project – we will be hosting two meetings with a group of 20 volunteers to discuss the aging community and making the town more user friendly.

Committee reports:

- Building Committee – No meeting, looking for a new chairman
- Volunteer Committee – No meeting
- Ombudsman – John Jope has been to the center a couple of times and spoken with a couple of members. Line dancing was one of the issue that has been talked about. It's been a slow start because it is a new service to the center. Appointments to see John can be made at the desk

- FBCOA – Discussed how well the St Patrick’s day event went off. They also had a impromptu meeting and voted to finance a new electric car for the center. They are also planning there next fundraiser to take place on 10/23/15
- Needs Assessment – A survey was sent out to all the COA and FBCOA members for review in advance of sending them out to the community. With the feedback there will be some minor changes on the survey that will be going out when the town census’s have been returned

Old Business:

- Looking for a secretary for our board. Hoping to have one after board elections take place in June.
- There is an opening for a Chairperson on the building committee
- We would like to have a workshop for our by-laws so we can go over them and make any changes necessary

New Business:

- Upcoming events at the center.
 - Volunteer Appreciation 4/22
 - Senior Exposition 5/8
 - Intergenerational Memorial Day 5/21
 - Open house / Community Day 6/19
 - Discussed changing the meeting time. Was voted on to keep the start time at 9:00 AM

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM

Next meeting to take place on May 20, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos,
Principal Division Assistant