

**TOWN OF BOURNE
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY /SENIOR CENTER
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF 8/17/2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Jackson, Chair- Jean Hills, Vice Chair- Julie Dateo, Clerk- Beverly Armando, Barbara Scott, Sandra Barnard, Eda Cardoza, Wendy Welsh, Gerri Parham-Andos

MEMBERS EXCUSED: All present

OTHER PRESENT: Debi Oliveire, Director- Kari Phinney, Assistant Director Outreach Coordinator- Tracy Sullivan, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 11:02 am

1. Public Comment

Introduced Tracy Sullivan as Assistant Administrator

2. Review and acceptance of minutes from previous meetings:

Gerri had questions regarding computer training mentioned in last meeting. There were 20 computers given out previously. Deb states there are grants that may be available in future through Elder Services, but not at present time. The Bourne Library may have options.

On a Motion made by Gerri Parham-Andos, and seconded by Wendy Welsh. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Meeting Minutes of 6/15/23.

3. Highlights of written reports:

A. OUTREACH Report Kari Phinney:

Kari reviewed the Outreach / Program

See sheet

- First female at Veterans coffee meeting
- Elder Services Board Meeting
- Terri Stanley – Continental apts.
- Meeting with new SHINE manager (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone). Kristine Whiton-O'Brien. Assists to apply for supplemental insurance with Medicare.
- Professional Care Match – help to provide 24 hour care.
- Traditions – In Home care.
- May be some benefits from Long-term Care insurance to pay for services

B. OUTREACH: Report Kari reviewed her Outreach Meetings for Meghan McWilliams (listed in her summary)

- Coffee talk – very well attended.
- Increased number of people needing housing as well as SNAP
- Of note, Jean Hills reported uplifting story from Connection Café. Client was very appreciated of services.
- Deb provided description of offered services -
- Alzheimer's support – caregiver and companion group monthly.
- Connection Café – more entertainment, cultural, memory game, garden club, music therapy. Caregiver and Alzheimer's partner partake in activity
- Dementia Friendly exercises
- Respite Care to start up.
- Marilyn asked about budget. Deb states budget is covered through grants and town funding.

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Deborah Oliveire

Deb read highlights from Director's Reports. See sheet.

- July is notoriously slow month.
- Pizza and Ice cream party 64 last year -> 37 people this year. A little disappointment, may change schedule back to August next year instead of July.
- FY 2023 - Check-ins 12,374+. 2009 over last year.
- Painting Party was a success. \$25 price per person supplemented through budget.
- Deb wants to offer as many as possible utilizing the budget and Formula Grant. Some events have a charge, for instance the ones where we have to pay the instructor.

Fall Programs –

- Hired a kitchen supervisor and the café is back! Serving breakfast from 9 to 10:30 and lunch (in-person dining to invoke socialization) on Weds and Thurs from 11:30-1PM.
 - Everett Reid to start–Semi-retired. Educated at Culinary institute in NY, London, and FL. Worked at Chatham Inn and directed for OIC (non-profit) in New London. Taught homeless individuals to cook. Owner of separate establishments in CT and Nantucket. Paid by grant, hired through Town of Bourne. Donation will help fund cost of food. Soft opening in September.
 - Need to come and interview for Senior Tax Work Off day Sept 25th and 28th, with a makeup day on Oct. 5th No exceptions.

- Diabetic Shoe Solutions – fit, view shoes

4. Friends of COA Liaison

Meetings on third Thursdays at 1PM.

Julie Dateo will go next month (September) and Gerri Parham-Andos will go in October. Julie and Gerri will switch off every month.

5. Old Business

Required paragraph on bottom agenda (Mission Statement and ADA compliance statement) added by Town.

No other information/follow-up from letter regarding LGBTQ flag on newsletter. BCOA will Co-Host an event with Sandwich regarding LGBTQ community and aging.

Wendy was asking about Square Dancing in the gym. Have to wear sneakers in the gym.

Climate change informational meeting that Debbie obtained (at suggestion from Wendy at last meeting).

Julie, Sandra, and Edie went to Plymouth COA board training.

Other

Upon motion duly made by Edie Cardoza, seconded by Beverly Armando, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dateo, Clerk