

**TOWN OF BOURNE  
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER  
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF 1/20/22**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Jackson, Gerri Parham-Andos, Sandra Barnard, Bev Armando, Jean Hills, Dianne Carter, Lorraine Young, Eda Cardoza

**ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Ken Blanchard

**OTHER PRESENT:** Debi Oliviere-Llanes, Kari Leighton,

**Meeting called to order at 11:04 a.m.**

**MINUTES:** Upon a motion made by Gerri and seconded by Dianne, the board unanimously voted to approve the revised minutes of 12/16/21 as written into record.

**Public Comment:** None

**OUTREACH:** Kari Leighton

- Kari and Merry have attended various meetings and trainings.
- Kari made a presentation to the seniors at the Clay Pond housing complex.
- Coffee Talk and Walk & Talk continue to be popular.
- Kari completed 2 fuel assistance applications and 2 recertifications for Fuel Assistance and Merry processed one application.
- Convention Data Services donated miscellaneous items such as teas, candy, snacks and hand sanitizers. With that, along with gift cards from the Friends, 15 gift bags were handed to those in need.
- A sorority “adopted” two other seniors in need and presented them with gift baskets containing gift cards, pajamas, socks, treats etc.
- The last 2 Connection Cafés had to be postponed due to Covid protocols.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Debi Oliviere-Llanes

- Deb attended various meetings and trainings.
- Deb spoke with Krissanne (Recreation Director), Sean Feeney (Facilities Director) and the trustees regarding maintenance issues in the Community Building. The issues have been brought up at the

selectmen's meetings and are being addressed. However, it will take time for these issues to be resolved.

- \$7800 grant was awarded for a Caregiver Respite Scholarship. Ten Bourne residents can receive \$780 toward an Adult Day Health Program.
- A few programs needed to be postponed due to Covid protocols, particularly those involving food and beverages.
- Independence House is offering free Domestic Abuse counseling at the COA.
- Debi and Merry are participating the Boston University Behavioral Health Cader Program. Mental health continues to be a huge issue, not only for seniors, but for everyone globally.
- AARP will be back from February through early April for tax return preparation.
- Mask wearing is now required for all COA programs.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Board members were reminded to complete the EOES training.
- MCOA is working on a manual, potentially ready in February or March, that we can use as a guideline to restructure our own manuals.
- Discussion on the Certificates of Appreciation to retired Board Members has been tabled until February meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Sandra and seconded by Jean, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:51am.

Respectfully submitted,

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