

**TOWN OF BOURNE
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF November 15, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Blanchard, Jim Coughlin, Sandy Barnard, Marilyn Jackson, Sherri Tucker Brown, Lorraine Young, Mary Fuller

OTHER PRESENT: Felice Monteiro, Lois Carr,

Meeting called to order at 11:02 a.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion duly made and seconded the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of October 18, 2018 as written into the record.

OUTREACH: Lois Carr (Highlights)

- Lois Carr attended the monthly Outreach Coordinator's meeting with a presentation on LGBTQ and the challenges that these seniors face. Inclusion and communication as a whole is key in creating a safe place as these seniors often age alone.
- The Human Services resource guide, Bridge to Human Services, has gone out to print and should be ready at the end of November.
- The Board of Selectmen shall appoint members to the Bourne Human Services Committee.
- We acquired two new volunteers from the Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors group.

BRIDGING THE YEARS: read by Jim Coughlin (Highlights)

- They had 17 members this month, 15 returning from last month and 2 returning from past months.
- Elder Services has approved the new rate per member, to \$48/day for Bourne residents and \$54/day for non-residents.
- The first Memory Café will be held on December 21st.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Felice Monteiro (Highlights)

- A new bus driver, with 20 years of experience was hired and is scheduled to begin working on November 19th.
- Wareham TV showcased our programs, as well as the economic struggles that our seniors face today.
- Felice attended a Priority Based Budgeting meeting that scores our programs based on Demand, Mandate, Population Served, etc. The final component, Scoring, was completed in early November.
- According to the Senior Project Manager for the Barnstable County Department of Human Services, the Town of Bourne is providing the necessary services to meet the needs of our seniors.
- The COA participated in Recreation's annual Trunk or Treat event for the children.
- Marilyn Jackson attended a Newcomers event. She requested 75 Newsletters in the hopes of recruiting new members to our programs. Felice will make a presentation highlighting our programs and all we have to offer.

It was unanimously agreed to continue to next month, the discussion of five-year goals for the Board and the COA, based upon the meeting that Mr. Blanchard and Ms. Young attended in Falmouth.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Blanchard was given a synopsis of a meeting that was attended by Mr. Coughlin, Ms. Barnard and Ms. Jackson. He will decide whether or not to discuss at the next meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Rush
Administrative Assistant