

**TOWN OF BOURNE
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF 2/16/23**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Jackson, Bev Armando, Barbara Scott, Ken Blanchard, Julie Dateo, Sandra Barnard, Wendy Welsh, Lorraine Young, Jean Hills

ABSENT MEMBERS:

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Gerri Parham-Andos, Eda Cardoza

OTHER PRESENT: Debi Oliviere, Kari Phinney, Arne Carr, Nathan Carr

Meeting called to order at 11:03 a.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion made by Barbara and seconded by Ken, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of 1/18/23 into record. (Jean abstained as she did not attend the January meeting.)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OUTREACH: Kari read the highlights from the Outreach reports.

- Kari and Meghan attended various meetings and trainings.
- Deb and Kari met with Oasis Senior Advisors. They aid seniors in housing/placement.
- Kari is still training Meghan on the different Outreach responsibilities.
- Kari did three Knox Box and a safety check.
- Kari completed two fuel assistance applications.
- Meghan is hosting Coffee Talk along with Sherrie.
- Meghan is heading up the Connection Café.
- Meghan has started the CADER plus certificate program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Debi read the highlights from the Director's report.

- Debi attended various meetings and trainings.
- Deb was voted in as vice chair to COAST.
- She met with Liz Hartsgrrove, the new Assistant Town Administrator. Overseeing procurement will be her main focus.

- Upcoming programs include three Spring Bus Trips, Spanish class, and Make Your Own Spring Garden.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Mission Statement was read, discussed and voted upon, unanimously. It will be submitted to the Town Administrator for approval.
- Senior Tax Workoff: There will be an Article on the warrant for the Town Meeting for the abatement amount to increase as the Minimum Wage and Inflation continues to increase. A motion to accept the addendum was made by Beverly seconded by Lorraine. It was voted unanimously to send to Town Meeting as proposed.
- We are still hoping to have the café open to some extent by the end of the year.
- Marilyn will attend the Friends meeting this month as liaison.
- From the Friends:
 - Arne advised that Lisa Laine will also be working at the Food Pantry, in addition to her regular administrative duties.
 - The Craft Fair is scheduled for June 17, 2023.
 - There are two vacancies on the Friends' Executive Board.
 - A brief discussion on wellness checks through Outreach and Meals on Wheels was held.

The Board took a moment to thank Ken Blanchard for his volunteer service and dedication over the years. This was his last meeting as he and his wife are moving out of town. We all wish them the best!

Upon a motion duly made by Wendy and seconded by Barbara, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Rush
Administrative Assistant