

**TOWN OF BOURNE
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF 10/21/21**

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

ABSENT MEMBERS:

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

OTHER PRESENT: Debi Oliviere-Llanes, Kari Leighton

Meeting called to order at 11:06 a.m.

MINUTES: Upon a motion made by Gerri and seconded by Ken, the board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of 9/16/21 as written into record.

Public Comment: None

OUTREACH: Kari Leighton

- Kari and Merry have attended various meetings and trainings.
- Merry continues to work on the new Connection Café as well as My Senior Center and the Human Services Handbook.
- Merry processed one Fuel Assistant application. Kari did two Knox boxes and five Fuel Assistant applications.
- Kari and Debi attended a presentation and toured Connect55, the new 55+ housing across the street.
- Four Tax Workoff meetings were held with 38 applicants.
- A meeting was held with Dave Pelonzi at BFD to discuss trainings with all firefighters as to when Outreach should be notified for particular situations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Debi Oliviere-Llanes

- Deb attended various meetings and trainings.
- Wellness Wednesday is extremely popular and very well attended. The exercise programs on that day are free and a \$3.00 donation is requested for the lunch.
- End of Summer cookout was successful with 59 seniors in attendance.

- Because the bathroom facilities are not working in the back room, all Wednesday activities have been moved to Room 1 until further notice.
- The VNA will be returning with an Arthritis program, a Parkinson presentation and a Matter of Balance.
- The Human Services Committee will have a Giving Tree in the lobby for folks to donate items to those in need.
- The first Annual Sandra Vickery Thanksgiving Meal Drive Through. It is co-sponsored by the Friends and the donations made to the COA in Sandra's memory.
- We will be hosting a Holiday Dance Party on December 17th with a DJ, refreshments and door prizes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gerri revised a Binder to become the "new" version. Feedback from the Binder Committee will be taken under consideration before new copies are printed and handed out.
- Dianne gave highlights of the Friends meeting:
 - The Friends are still looking for a driver for the Food Pantry.
 - Food bank numbers were up 31% in this August from last August.
 - Psychic Craft Fair is being postponed until the Spring.
 - The Pumpkin Patch is ongoing 7 days a week from 10-6 through Halloween.
 - Curbside food pick up is still ongoing with the threat of Covid.
 - Allison Bennet will be creating a new Facebook page.
- Ken Blanchard made a motion (and seconded by Dianne) to grant a certificate of Appreciation to retired Board Members. A committee was formed with Ken, Lorraine and Marilyn.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Rush
Administrative Assistant