

**TOWN OF BOURNE
BOURNE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF 2/17/22**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Jackson, Gerri Parham-Andos, Bev Armando, Jean Hills, Lorraine Young, Eda Cardoza, Ken Blanchard

ABSENT MEMBERS:

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Sandra Barnard, Dianne Carter

OTHER PRESENT: Debi Oliviere-Llanes

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

MINUTES: Upon a motion made by Beverly and seconded by Gerri, the board unanimously voted to approve the revised minutes of 1/20/22 as written into record.

Public Comment: Arne commented on the newest Friends office staff member, Esther Bernardo.

OUTREACH: Debi read the highlights from the Outreach reports

- Kari and Merry have attended various meetings and trainings.
- Merry is taking the Behavioral Health certification class
- The January Connection Café was cancelled due to snow.
- Merry is calling Bourne residents age 60+ who were on our original Homebound & Vaccine Lists to assist with Booster Vaccine scheduling. Booster vaccinated numbers are low at 72%.
- Merry did one Knox Box and Kari processed three new Fuel Assistance applications.
- The new Knox Boxes that the Friends purchased are in and being kept at the COA. Kari and the FD will also implement a safety checklist at each install.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Debi Oliviere-Llanes

- Deb attended various meetings and trainings.
- Numbers were down a bit as we had to pull back on some programs in January and February due to the rise in Covid cases.
- The COA did receive \$7800 in grant funds for a Caregiver Respite Scholarship. Ten Bourne residents will receive \$780 toward an Adult Day Health Program.

- **Chair Yoga & Meditation will be moving from Wednesday to Monday, and Coffee Talk will return to Wednesdays in March for a 3 hour session. Senior Safe Fall Prevention program will be held in April during the Coffee Talk time as there will be at least 12-15 people in attendance. Men in Retirement, a Camp Edwards presentation and April in Paris will be presented in the Spring. Balance & Conditioning and a new dementia support group will also begin in the Spring.**
- **AARP continues to complete tax returns on Mondays and Thursdays.**
- **Bridgewater State University is offering a Senior College program. For \$85, they offer unlimited in-person and online classes.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **The Board of Selectmen hired Marlene McCollem as the new Town Administrator.**
- **Masks are still required for programs. This may change soon as the school mandates have changed.**
- **Board members were reminded to complete the EOES training and to submit certificate of completion to Debi as soon as possible.**
- **Discussion continued to recognize retiring Board Members in some way.**
- **There was a short discussion, initiated by Arne, on ARPA funds.**

Upon a motion duly made by Ken and seconded by Jean, the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda J. Rush
Administrative Assistant**