

# BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes October 24,2019

<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Maura Guzik	Jessica Langlois, ED	N/A
Colleen DuroShea	Gail Gramarossa, Liaison	
Bob Farrington	Jo Fitzgerald, WMEC Advisory Board Member	
Donna Bozoglos		
Diane Plante		
Jim Dowling		
John Belding		

Bob Farrington called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

## **FY20 Blackboard Connect Contribution:**

Jessica requested the Board approve the allocation of \$1,000 for the Center's contribution for the FY20 Blackboard Connect service in Belchertown that sends out mass notifications to the Town's citizens which includes the Senior population. Diane motioned to approve the contribution and Colleen seconded. Motion Passed (7 yes, 0 no)

## **Minutes:**

The September minutes were reviewed and with the exception of some misspelled names Diane motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Maura. Motion passed (Yes 7, No 0)

## **Directors Report:**

Jessica reported the following to the Council:

Staff: The Sr. Center recently hired a meals on wheels driver that for medical reasons resigned. Since there were other qualified candidates during interviews, Jessica will be recommending an appointment at the next SelectBoard meeting.

Programs: Jessica reviewed participation in the nutrition, outreach, transportation and recreation/educational programs during the month of September. Jessica provided a comparison on the report for transportation showing last year's participation vs year to date results. Laurene held two sessions of "How Does Medicare Affect Me" during the month to include a morning and an evening session. Notably, the yoga instructor has been sick in October so no classes were held.

Other: The new van has arrived. Maura recommended getting an article about the new van to include the fundraising efforts of the BSCCA and thank individual and businesses that donated in the Sentinel or Gazette which Jessica will look into. It should also mention how the BSCCA has already raised \$2,000 for a second van.

Upcoming Events: 11/2: BSCCSA Holiday Bazaar, 11/15: Thanksgiving w/ Noah Lis, 11/19: Healthy Eating & Cooking for the Holidays

**Next Meeting Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30**

**BSCCA Update:**

- Everyone is working on The Annual Bizarre.
- They have already raised \$2,000 for the second van.

**Committee Reports:**

No updates at this time.

**Liaison Report:**

Gail reported that town departments are aware the SelectBoard wants to talk about budgets sooner than in prior years. The hot buttons are Public Works taking trees down and public water, as well as operating and capital requests. She wants the Center to identify what the needs are for example possibly starting a Senior Tax Working Program. She mentioned it is never too early. Bob questioned when the budget discussions would start. Gail indicated after Thanksgiving. Jessica will prepare a wish list for the next meeting on 11/21.

**New Business:**

- Jim inquired about having an ear wax removal event at the Center. Jessica will look into how it might occur.

Diane motioned and Maura seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maura Guzik  
Secretary of Belchertown COA