

BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for meeting on October 25, 2018

Members

Colleen Duro-Shea
Robert Farrington
Maura Guzik
Jim Dowling
Donna Bozoglos
Diane Plant

Guests

Jessica Langlois
Dave Small

Absent

Tim Niejadlik
Ed Boscher, Liaison

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

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2018 by Diane, and seconded by Donna. Motion passed Yes – 6, No - 0.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2018 by Maura, and seconded by Donna. Motion passed Yes – 6, No - 0.

Directors Report

Jessica L. reported the following to the Council:

Staff: Alice Przbyla a Home Delivered Meals driver is retiring on 10/31. The job has been posted with one interested individual. Phyllis Slate, Outreach Assistant is retiring on 12/13/2018 and the job has been posted. The Center has hired a part-time fill in van driver, Doug Sanford who has started training with Dave and will continue to complete all the required driver training for the job. Notably, he is a Paramedic and works full time for the Chicopee Fire Department.

Programs: Participation numbers for programs involved HDMS 1,532 and congregate 522, Companion Errand 11 clients and 27 rides, Outreach 98 clients and 17 Shine clients, Transportation 41 clients with 364 rides. New programs starting in November include a monthly veterans group, chess club and adult coloring. With the upcoming holiday dinners will be 11/16 for Thanksgiving and 12/12 for Christmas with a suggested donation of \$5. Maura mentioned that the next meeting would be on Thanksgiving so it was decided to move the monthly meeting to November 29th.

Other:

Nutrition Program Update - Jessica discussed that the Center needs to hit the numbers submitted in the projections in the grant application. The grant cycle is every two years. The previous Director only received a one year grant. The staff is increasing marketing efforts by publishing the menu on Facebook, the Belchertown Website and the Sentinel. They also have created a new brochure to advertise the Nutrition Program. Next year the projections will be at a lower level to continue receipt of the grant funds.

BSCCA Update:

The Bizarre is November 3rd and there have been 50 baskets donated for the fair. Jessica reminded those who are volunteer their shift will be 11-1PM.

Comments from the Liaison - Liaison was not in attendance. Jessica did share she is working with him on the Affirmative Action for the West Mass grant.

Committee Reports

Transportation - Maura asked if there were any recommended changes to the donation letter. Jessica, Colleen, and Dave suggested some changes. Maura will make edits and send out to the group for a final look prior to sending it out. The goal would be to send it out during the month of November. Dave spoke to Jill up at the Town who mentioned that the Town has an ambulance under a 36 month lease to own contract. Getting a lease may help with the maintenance. Jill recommend getting two proposals, one to lease and one to buy. Dave also mentioned that the advertising can simply peel off so in the future the Center may be able to rent out advertising space. Bob asked what the expected life of the van is. Dave said the current vans were about 7 years, however since the van being looked at is a newer model only on the road for about 3 years, he was unsure of the expected life. Bob recommended that we be prepared to answer any questions if the new van needs funding requiring a vote at a town meeting.

New Business:

Bob recommended the financial information be sent out with the monthly packets for the Board meeting.

Motion to adjourned 6:25PM was made by Maura and seconded by Diane. Motion passed Yes 6 No 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Guzik
Secretary of Belchertown COA