

BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for meeting on March 28, 2019

<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Colleen Duro-Shea	Jessica Langlois	Maura Guzik
Robert Farrington	Ed Boscher, Liaison	Diane Plante
Jim Dowling		
Donna Bozoglos		
Tim Niejadlik		

Bob Farrington called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Minute

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December meeting by Tim, seconded by Donna Motion passed 5-0. A motion was made to accept February meeting by Tim, seconded by Donna. Motion passed 5-0

Directors Report

Jessica L. reported the following to the Council:

Staff: Mariah Diesi is now hired as the full-time custodian with benefits. Diane Morgan retired effective 3-28-19; Jessica has interviewed 4 candidates and will be sending a recommendation for the position to go forward shortly.

Programs: Jessica presented the program spreadsheet. Numbers in line with what was projected. Most programs starting to see increase now that weather is better. Several movies were a top draw as where two new programs (the Mobile Food Pantry & Square Dancing). Jessica explained how the Mobile Food Pantry works for clients, and stated the program currently has room for 50 participants. This is being run by the Amherst Survival Center at no cost to the Senior Center.

Jessica will be preparing letters of intent for 3 of the grant funded program (Outreach, Transportation, and Nutrition) as the first step to secure funding. Bob Farrington asked Jessica for copies of the letters.

Other: The St Patrick's Day party drew 102 people. Jessica presented a Thank You letter to the BSCCA from the Council for all the hard work and fund raising they have day, in particular for the new van. All members signed for presentation to BSCCA at their next meeting. Jessica

reviewed a program Florence Savings Bank has called "Customer Choice" where customers can vote for their favorite non-profit. Non-profits getting 50 votes will then get a dollar per vote later in the year. Jessica has already started the paperwork to pursue this potential fund raiser. Jessica presented the van request to the town finance Committee, if it makes it past next Finance Meeting it will be placed on the Town Meeting in May for approval. Jessica requested work on the "Code of Conduct" update be delayed until the next meeting. The code being updated to address both employee and client conduct in the center. Motion made to accept directors Report by Tim, seconded by Donna. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments from the Liaison: Ed Boscher stated Jessica made a good presentation to the Finance Committee for the requested funding for the van. Ed stated it has to make it through one more Finance Committee meeting but right now it has been kept in the conversation as a needed item for the Senior Center. Questions still remain as to whether the town wants an outright purchase or a lease. Jessica is still waiting for which route the town will go.

New Business:

Tim mentioned using UMASS nursing students in the center to conduct blood pressure clinics or to help clients fill out "File of Life" forms. Tim will forward POC to Jessica to see if this might work for us. Colleen asked about any progress on the Senior Tax-Work off program. Ed Boscher suggested we hold off until next year as budget have been extremely tight, and historically the Selectboard has not looked favorably on tax abatement programs.

Next meeting will be April 25th at 5:30 PM at the Center

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:05 pm by Tim, seconded by Donna. Motion passed 5-0