

BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for meeting on July 26, 2018

Members

Donna Bozoglos
Colleen Duro-Shea
Robert Farrington
Maura Guzik
Tim Niejadlik
Diane Plant

Guests

Jessica Langlois
Dave Small

Bob Farrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

Maura Guzik requested a change to the June 28, 2018 minutes to include that under the Programs section it read “The Center would not charge Christopher Heights for a trip to the Sr. Center.” Bob F. motioned to accept the minutes with the proposed edit and Tim N. seconded. Motion passed Yes (6) No (0).

Directors Report

Jessica L. reported the following to the Council:

Staff: Interviews for the part time/fill-in driver took place on July 20th and another is scheduled July 27th. The custodian’s last day of work was July 16th. Postings for the job closed on July 18th and interviews are taking place July 25th, 26th and 27th.

Programs: Reviewed the numbers of participants for Nutrition (HDMs 1,774 and Congregate 536), Companion Errands (8), Outreach (17) and Transportation (52 clients with 398 rides).

Admin: Working on State Home Care Contract for FY 19-21. The Title IIIC Nutrition Grant for FY 19 was completed and delivered on July 12th.

Other: Seniors turning 60 will be sent a postcard to inform them they will be receiving the newsletter. They will be called and asked if they want the newsletter or opt out of receiving it.

Upcoming Events

Public Safety night is 8/7 from 4–8PM; Food Truck Festival is 8/17 5-8PM; Belchertown Parade is 9/22 at 10AM.

BSCCA Update: Jessica L. attended last meeting. There was a review of the finances. BSCCA has agreed to pay for the painting of the community room. They are selling 20/20 Raffle Tickets whereby tickets are pulled every week for 20 weeks. Winnings are \$20 per week during the first 17 weeks, week 18 will have 2@\$50, week 19 will have 2@ \$100 and week 20 will have 1@\$100. Tickets will be on sale at the Safety Night. Board Members were encouraged to help with ticket sales. Dave S. recommended staff and volunteers have name tags to identify they are

from the Sr. Center. Jessica L. to discuss with Katie to find out if there is a laminator and camera in the activities area to make the name tags.

Committee Reports

Public Relations: See upcoming events

Transportation: Tim N. has many questions for Dave S. regarding the total cost of the program, both direct and indirect. He wondered how many COAs in the area own the vans vs subcontracting out the work. Dave Small indicated the vans at the Center don't work in terms of efficiency and safety. If new vans are purchased without grants the Center won't need to purchase mandated vans. Tim N. will prepare a detailed review with questions for Dave S. Once a dollar amount is determined, Jessica L. will add a line item to add a van for FY 2019 – 2020 budget.

Comments from the Liaison: None, Bob F. will contact The Council's new Liaison.

New Business: Diane questioned if anyone was investigating if the Town would implement a program regarding Seniors working off taxes. Bob will look into this prior to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourned 6:50.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Guzik
Secretary of Belchertown COA