COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES DEC. 16, 2016

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Present: Jean Kopke, Karen Johnson, Linda Chute, Ed Selman, Gene Mazzella – Director of COA

Absent: Jane Lukasiewicz, Sonny Mercuri, Deb Greene

Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2016 meeting were approved with corrections made.

Old Business: CDBG special projects were discussed. Some of this money can be used to fund a full time Outreach Coord. position.

EOEA – board training review – prioritize subjects covered to be discussed at the next board meeting.

COA By-Laws : Ed and Karen will work with Gene on this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Part time van driver position – no applications at this time.

Current van driver is finishing up the CDL training class and will get certificate to operate the 15 passenger van that will be arriving soon. Second van driver will be given the opportunity to attend CDL training class. There is a grant available thru BAT for a replacement vehicle. Possibility of 3 vans available for the COA in the near future.

The January COA newsletter is now available. It is an 8 page newsletter filled with important phone numbers, van schedules, menus and photos of the latest COA event. It can be mailed upon request and will be inserted in the Money Saver 4 times/year. It is also available on line and at A-1 Market, bank ,town hall, churches and the post office.

Commercial kitchen appliances were discussed. Jean K. will find out the name of a company in Brockton that sells and installs appliance.

New Business: Jane Lukasiewicz has submitted her letter of resignation. Someone will be appointed to fill the remainder of her term.

The seniors enjoyed a ham dinner for their Christmas Luncheon. They were served by volunteers and had a visit from Mrs. Clause, Police Chief Martineua and Town Adm. Crimmins. They also received gift cards, candy and other prizes in a drawing .

Karen Johnson spoke about The Hope Resource Center using the COA office for a monthly meeting. This is a program involving the ACES coalition, BAMSI Cope Center and the Norfolk County DA's office. It provides resources and support services for families dealing with substance use disorder. Karen and Ed Selman will be present at each meeting. The Board agreed to allowing ACES the use of the COA office for monthly meetings.

The COA office has been receiving calls recently regarding snow shoveling, empty oil tanks etc. Since the COA doesn't have the staff available to answer these emergencies, we will combine efforts with the Avon Housing Authority. The Housing Authority has a list of available senior high school kids who will shovel when necessary.

Gene will meet with the Avon Housing Authority on Jan 10th to discuss getting the Fellowship Circle seniors more involved with services that are available.

Gene passed around a package that the town clerk will pass out to new Avon residents. The package contains info about town government, senators/representatives, helpful phone numbers, the schools, and the council on aging. There is also info on registering to vote, dog license renewals, town newsletter, and the recycling program.

The suggestion of a "Friends of the COA" group being formed was discussed again. A few names were passed back and forth and these people will be contacted to see if there is an interest in joining.

Other Business:

Karen had a question about the restrooms. There is a pipe leaking, the plumber has been contacted. She also asked for paper towel machine to be filled.

It was suggested on Tuesday/Thursday lunch days, staff and volunteers park towards the back lot, leaving spaces near the COA door available for the seniors to park.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A Johnson, CHAIR

for Linda Chute

Approved January 27, 2017

Secretary