

Council on Aging Meeting – April 21, 2017

Present: Gene Mazzella COA Director, Linda Chute, Karen Johnson, Joanne Grenham, Jean Kopke, Ed Selman, Deb Greene

Review and approved minutes from March 17, 2017 with corrections noted.

Old Business:

- Meals and dessert choices were discussed with an emphasis on homemade soups and desserts.
- Commercial dishwasher: Progress being made. Plumbing and electrical evaluations for a commercial dishwasher are complete.

Cost of new unit, approx. \$3,200 plus \$3,300 for tank, electrical and plumbing to kitchen. Specs to install pending to complete quote.

Project may need an article at town meeting.

- CDBG outreach funds have been exhausted and funding to extend outreach through FY17 has been secured.
- Avon Housing Authority meeting with Gene went very well. Housing Authority supportive of opening Fellowship Circle to outreach, SHINE and meals as resources allow.

A possibility of having a lunch at Fellowship Circle to include residents living there was discussed.

Motion by Jean Kopke and seconded by Deb Greene to have lunch there once a month as a first step.

- Avon Park & Rec meeting with Gene went very well. The Commissioners are interested in working with the COA to share an Park and Rec staffer from their budget to help create senior and intergenerational programs. A motion was made and second to support the development of sharing a Park & Rec position.

New Business:

- Directors' warrant was reviewed and signed

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- Directors' report was read and the following was noted
 - Ann Fogg the library director met with Gene and would like to collaborate on increasing senior's use of library. Among the ideas are to set up van rides to the library and library services to the COA. The board supports both and Gene has launched a library card activation campaign and will review safety concerns about dropping seniors off in front of the library.
 - Suggestions were reviewed & the following action steps were stated
 - Create a sign-up sheet for Rox Baseball, Blue Hills Regional Tech, DQ, South Shore Plaza
 - Request Fire and Police to address seniors on safety issues
 - Purchase an elevated toilet seat
 - Organize senior sing along(s)
 - Address the issue of saving seats
 - Suggestions already being addressed included
 - Wheels for dining room barrel
 - Music during lunch
 - Computer lessons
 - Increase homemade dessert selection
 - Gene has printed up a FY18 Budget paper for the seniors to bring to the town meeting.
 - The Annual Town Meeting has been postponed until May 16th.
 - A Memorial Day senior picnic will be held at the Fish & Game on May 25th. The Police Union is sponsoring the picnic.

Other Topics: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Approved on: 5/12/17

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chute

Linda Chute, Secretary