

Council on Aging Meeting Aug. 13, 2021 10:00

Present: Jayne Carthas Interim COA Director, Karen Johnson, Nancy Puckett, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Ed Selman, Joanne Grenham, Jean Koppke, Guest Eric Beckerman

Meeting was called to order at 10:00. Motion made and second to accept the minutes of July 16, 2021.

Old Business: The paper shredder will be at the COA for seniors to dispose of their personal papers date to be announced.

Computers: for the seniors are set up in the lunch room for their use. Josh the IT person from town hall will make up a basic instruction booklet for them. We have a volunteer scheduled to help the seniors use the computers.

Fish & Game Cookout: is scheduled for Sept. 9th. The board recommended charging \$5 for out of towners and to have a signup sheet for the food count.

New Business: Louise Hardiman vacation time – tabled for further review.

Van Drivers: The Board discussed and approved that the van drivers will receive a minimum of 2 hours pay when they are called in to cover a trip or when a trip is cancelled after arriving for work. They will remain on site for the times when this happens.

Fellowship Circle meeting: some members of the board met with Sherry at Fellowship Circle to discuss involving the residents living there with the Council on Aging lunches, programs and activities. Jayne is working on an informational package for residents. This will provide schedules for van rides, shopping trips, lunches, outings, and all the services that the Council provides. A cookout at Fellowship is planned for a date in early September. The Board offered to provide dessert.

Sheriff Dept: Chris Hefferman is the new Sheriff. Jayne met him and invited him to visit the Council on Aging, meet our seniors and explain new programs.

Stipend: The Board discussed a stipend due for Jayne for work done before she was appointed Interim Director.

Sound The Alarm Program: This is a grant program for the fire dept to train and have firemen change smoke detectors for the seniors. It was suggested to invite the Fire Chief to the next COA meeting to discuss this program.

Other: Jayne passed out the mission statement for the COA. This will be included on the newsletter.

The new Wednesday Bingo has been popular. Line dancing has seen a big increase with 16 attending this week. Mary Bennet will offer a free sitting in your seat, basic stretching program before lunch. The new coat hooks have been put up, along with a large bookcase that is anchored to the wall in the lunch room.

The cleaning company left a back door open over night that could be seen from the street. This is not a one time occurrence, Jayne filed an incident report.

Blanchard Museum Tour is on Aug. 17. Bruce Lane will conduct the tour with the seniors.

Restaurant of the month club has resumed. Doyles Restaurant is the next outing.

There was a suggestion to put "staff only" signs on supply cabinets in the lunch room.

Also a sign is needed for the kitchen door requesting guest not enter the kitchen.

The cement outside the COA doors is cracking and crumbling creating a unsafe walking surface for everyone. Jayne will check on this.

A suggestion of a sign acknowledging where the COA is located was discussed. It is a good idea and could be similar to the "Avon Town Hall" sign outside of town hall. Jayne will check on this.

The next meeting is Sept. 3, 2021 at 10:00.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Chute

Secretary