



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

Present: Martha Reed, Carol Burt, Susan Oistead, Terry Pereira & Jacqueline Kenworthy

Absent: Joan Mello, Lee Allaire & Robert Ryan

- 1.) **The meeting was legally posted on Thursday January 4, 2024**
- 2.) **The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:06am**
- 3.) **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Susan Oistead made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting, Jacqueline Kenworthy seconded, vote passes.
- 4.) **Financial Report:**

No Questions
- 5.) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Holiday Winter Activities and Events:** All Holiday Parties went very well, as long as the weather cooperates all activities and events will run smoothly.
 - b. **Hybrid Programming Grand Award Update:** Working on obtaining the equipment and Moxie Mobility has been notified about the Hybrid Program for participation.
 - c. **AARP Tax Senior Tax Services:** Tax season has been announced in the Newsletter, Christine will has begun setting up appointments.
- 6.) **New Business**
 - a. **Commonwealth of MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs Annual Report:** The COA has reported all statistics. This helps to show the state the COA activity as well as our needs. This is due in February.
 - b. **Town of Fairhaven Annual Report:** A Draft will be ready by the end of next week. The draft will be brought to the February meeting for all to see.

7.) **Directors Report**

Senior Center/Program Utilization: The Senior Center hosted a total of 425 events in November. 614 unduplicated persons attended these events total of 2,471 units of service (swipes). The daily utilization rate for the center in November was 88. SHINE Counselors continued with Open Enrollment and assisted 88 clients with Medicare and Medicaid enrollments in November.

Transportation Utilization: 217 Rides were provided to 87 seniors in November.

Volunteers: 19 volunteers provided over 500 hours of service at the COA in November, with a value of almost \$14,000.

Community Needs: 4 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertification's and new applications. Two seniors were assisted with housing applications. 4 new households were assisted with CSFP services.

In-person event highlights: 54 Seniors participated in Supper Clubs in November. 54 Seniors participated in the congregate lunch program, 53 persons were served a Thanksgiving Meal, and 30 persons attended the Memory Café.

Social Day: Please see the attached report from Sally Bourke.

Programming: The COA Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/20, we are grateful that we were able to secure a replacement for the entertainment for the party, as Jordan Paiva notified us that he had to cancel his performance due to health issues. The entertainment will be Christmas Music Bingo hosted by Eddie Freitas.

Hybrid Programming Grant: EOEa has awarded us \$17,727.59 for Hybrid Programming for Councils on Aging.

8.) Social Day Coordinators Report:

Activities: Exercise, Moxie Mobility, Bingo/Jingo, Trivia, Current Events, Reminisce, Men's Group, Craft Corner, Puzzle Group, Horse Race Game, Baking Group, Walking Group, Frisbee Toss, Left, Right, Center Game, Greedy Dice, Adult Coloring Pages, Penny Ante, Bunco, Sing along with "Suzie" Seated Basketball

Entertainment this month:

1/2/24- Singer Joe Mac

1/9/24- Pam Teitz "The Singing Nurse"

1/25/24-Memory Café- Singers Tony & Pat

Notes:

1/13/23- Monthly Fire Drill

1/23/24- National Pie Day- Making Hand Pies

1/24/24- Learning the history Of Peanut Butter!

1/30/24- Celebrating January Birthdays

Upcoming Events:

2/13/24- Valentines Tea Party- Entertainment with Gary Farias

2/14/24- COA Valentines Dance with DJ Eddie Freitas

2/22/24- Memory Café- Entertainment with Tony & Pat

2/27/24- Entertainment with Dave Valerio

**Total Units Serviced for the month was 290 with a client average of 24*

9.) **Next Meeting :** February 13, 2024 at 9:00am

10.) **Roll Call & Adjournment:** Carol Burt made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15am, Terry Pereira Seconded. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jocelyn Bowers".

Jocelyn Bowers
Administrative Assistant - Fairhaven COA