



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2023

Present: Martha Reed, Susan Oiestad, Carol Burt, Robert Ryan, Terry Pereira, Joan Mello, Lee Allaire
and Jacqueline Kenworthy

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on May 2, 2023
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:05am
- 3.) Welcome new Board Member: Jacqueline Kenworthy
- 4.) Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Robert Ryan made the motion to approve of the minutes from the April 10, 2023, Carol Burt Seconded.
- 5.) Financial Report:
COA Budget total: \$199,944.00
March Expenditures: \$13,009.02

Martha Reed reported nothing has been unexpected. The budget is on track to expend what is remaining and will give back to the town anything leftover.

6.) Old Business:

- a. **Easter Dinner:** Easter dinner was successful. A total of 60 meals in person/delivery. Thank you to the Fire Fighters Association as well and United Way for helping fund the dinner. Thank you to Dorothy Cox for the chocolate donation.
- b. **Memorial Day Parade:** The COA van will be in the parade. If any veterans, spouses, family members of military would like to ride with us, please call.
- c. **Summer Activities:** Watercolor painting classes will be starting. The COA will also work with Champions again this year and will also involve the Kool Kids program the Recreation Center offers.

7.) New Business:

- a. **Coastline Cookout:** This cookout will be a gift from Coastline, anyone is welcome to attend on May 30, 2023.
- b. **Newsletter Expansion:** The newsletter will be expanded by a few pages. It will allow for us to add much more content.
- c. **Moving the Monthly BOD Meeting to the Second Tuesday of the month at 9am beginning June, 2023:** Lee Allaire made the motion to move the monthly meetings to the second Tuesday of the Month, Joan Mello seconded. Vote passed.

8.) Director's Report

Senior Center/Program Utilization:

491 unduplicated persons attended events at the Senior Center in March for a total of 1,676 "swipes" for events last month. The daily utilization rate for the center in April was 79.
AARP Tax Prep Services ended on April 18, 2023, with a total of 188 Seniors having their

tax returns prepared. SHINE Counselors continue to assist clients with Mass Health recertification's and Medicare enrollments.

Transportation Utilization: 243 Rides were provided to 81 seniors in April.

Volunteers: 23 Persons volunteered over 542 hours at the Senior Center in April. The dollar value of these volunteer hours is over \$15,000.

Community Needs: 8 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertification's and new applications. Community Outreach continues to ensure that households are receiving the maximum SNAP allotment they are entitled to receive, as well as help completing applications and submitting verification documentation to DTA. 4 Seniors were assisted in completing housing applications and other housing-related issues, including dispute mediation, and ADA accommodation issues. The Fuel Assistance program has been extended to 5/12. Two new Elder-At-Risk reports were filed with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

In-person events: Both Senior Supper Clubs held in April were very well attended. The center hosted an Easter Day dinner that provided Easter Dinner to over 60 people. We are grateful to the Fairhaven Firefighters Local 1555, the United Way in New Bedford, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, and the volunteers who helped serve or deliver dinners. The COA participated in the April Food Day Drive at Town Hall on 4/1/2023 to offer SNAP information and application assistance. The COA hosted an Intergenerational art program on Monday, 4/17/23, which brought together 8 intergenerational groups to work on an art project. The art is being displayed at Town Hall and there is a plan to show the art in the lobby of the Middle School during the annual town meeting on 5/6/2023.

Social Day: Please see attached report from Sally Bourke.

Board Recruitment: We welcome Jacqueline Kenworthy as a new Board member this month, she is filling the last opening for the COA BOD. Jackie has been a COA volunteer for many years, and up until Jocelyn joined us last summer, Jackie took care of the newsletter, as well as our town website and social media accounts. We are grateful for the willingness and enthusiasm she will bring to the board.

9.) Social Day Coordinators Report:

Activities: Exercise, Bingo/Jingo, Trivia, Current Events, Reminisce, Crafts, Puzzle Group, Horse Race Game, Baking Group, Walking Group, Frisbee Toss, Left, Right, Center Game, Moxie Mobility, Lucky Dog, Adult Coloring Pages & Penny Ante.

Entertainment this month: Joe Mac on the 13th. Jordan Paiva entertained the Social Day Program and Memory Café on the 27th.

Notes:

4/6 Easter Brunch, 4/12 Pizza Party, 4/18 Uncommon Lunch Performance, 4/20 Celebrated "Italy" Participants made Cannoli's, 4/25 Social Day enjoyed sketches from Marion Art's Centers Readers.

Upcoming Events:

5/4 Social Day will be celebrating the "Kentucky Derby", 5/11 Mother's Day Brunch & Karaoke with Rick Ferreira, 5/25 "Boston Red Sox Day".

Total units serviced for the month was 155 with a client average of 13.

10.) Next Meeting TBD: June 6, 2023 at 9:00am.

11.) Roll Call & Adjournment: Robert Ryan made the motion to adjourn at 9:26am. Joan Mello seconded. Vote passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jocelyn Bowers
Principal Office Assistant - Fairhaven COA