



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

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

- 1.) **The meeting was legally posted on July 6, 2023**
- 2.) **The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:05am**
- 3.) **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Joan Mello made a motion to accept the minutes from June 13, 2023. Terry Pereira seconded, vote passed.
- 4.) **Financial Report:**

Martha Reed Reported, we have ended fiscal year 23. We are returning approximately 4.97%. Majority returned is payroll and gasoline. Returning less than ½ of 1%. Unsure of any cuts in the budget, but believing it will be tighter this year.
- 5.) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Intergenerational Summer Programming:** The program started last week of June. It is Tuesdays from 10am-12pm. The kids and seniors do crafts together and then have lunch together. August 23 will be the first field day with the Kool Kids Program next door at the Recreation Center. There will be games, cookout, magic show and Dorothy Cox Ice cream at the end.
 - b. **Per Diem Van Driver:** William Farrell is the new Per Diem driver. He drove the van a few times already as well as for the Fourth of July parade.
 - c. **Summer Intern:** Adriana is an intern who is doing her pre-internship here to become a social worker. She has to complete 40 hours total and will oversee all areas of the COA.
 - d. **Fourth of July Parade Participation:** The van was in the parade and we had 2 people ride with us for the parade.
- 6.) **New Business:**
 - a. **Social Day Rate Increase effective 9/1/23:** The Coastline fee has risen by \$10.00. A full day now will cost \$50.00 and the half-day rate is now \$30.00. The transportation fee will remain the same. This will go in effect in September. As of right now there has been no push back from the clients.
 - b. **Outreach expansion:** Martha will be spending 2 hours at Oxford Terrace every month to give the residents the COA services.
- 7.) **Director's Report**
 - a. **Senior Center/Program Utilization:** The Senior Center hosted 99 events in June. 493 unduplicated persons attended events at the Senior Center in June for a total of 2,256 units of service last month (swipes). The daily utilization rate for the center in June was 79. SHINE Counselors continue to assist clients with Mass Health recertification's and Medicare enrollments, serving a total of 73 clients last month.
 - b. **Transportation Utilization:** 241 Rides were provided to 91 seniors in June.

- c. **Volunteers:** In June, 17 Persons volunteered 455 hours at the Senior Center. The dollar value of these volunteer hours is over \$13,000.
- d. **Community Needs:** 13 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertification's and new applications. 3 Seniors were assisted in completing housing applications.
- e. **In-person event highlights:** 77 Seniors participated in Supper Clubs. 45 Seniors participated in the congregate lunch program in June.
- f. **Social Day:** Please see attached report from Sally Bourke.
- g. **Intergenerational Activities:** The children from the CHAMPS summer program at the Woods School are spending 2 hours every Tuesday with the Social Day Program. During these two hours, the seniors and the children work on a craft project or activity and then have lunch together. We are planning our first Intergenerational Field Day with the children attending the Kool Kids Summer Camp at the Rec Center on August 23, 2023. We will have games in the morning, a cookout for lunch, a magic show in the afternoon, and end with ice cream from Dorothy Cox's.

8.) 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, & Bunco.

Entertainment this month: 6/8-Joe Mac. 6/22-Rebecca Pink Memory Cafe

Notes:

1. 6/7 – The Social Day clients made home made ice cream to celebrate Ice Cream Day.
2. 6/13- Monthly Fire Drill
3. 6/15- On this beautiful sunny day, The Lions Club hosted a “Fathers Day” cookout for our clients in the Supportive Social Day Program. The clients enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, chips, and cake for dessert.
4. 6/27- The Clients enjoyed watching “Rick Steve’s” show as he explored the Azores, and other parts of Portugal. Great food was also present!
5. 6/27- “Champions Kids” Intergenerational program started and the children and Social Day clients made 4th of July Crafts.

Upcoming Events:

- 7/11- Intergenerational Art Project with CHAMPS (Wood School Summer Program) Every Tuesday until August 29th from 10:00am- 12:00pm.
- 7/12- Fire Drill provided by the Fairhaven Fire Department
- 7/13- Karaoke with Rick Ferreira 1-2pm
- 7/20 Greek Day- Lunch: Greek Stuffed Peppers, Fasolada(white bean soup), Pita Bread, Kourabiedes(Lemon Shortbread Cookies) and Watch Rick Steve’s tour of Greece.

Total units serviced for the month was 212 with a client average of 16.

9.) Election of Officers

- a. Carol Burt voted for Bob Ryan to be the Chair, Terry Pereira seconded. Passed**
- b. Carol Burt voted for Joan Mello to be the Vice Chair, Bob Ryan Seconded. Passed.**
- c. Sue Oistead voted for Carol Burt to be Secretary, Terry Pereira Seconded. Passed.**

10.) Next Meeting TBD: August 8, 2023 at 9:00am.

11.) Roll Call & Adjournment: Martha Reed adjourned the meeting at 9:18am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jocelyn Bowers
Principal Office Assistant - Fairhaven COA