

Council on Aging and Human Services

Board Meeting May 15, 2014

Present: Wendy Haney, Betty Travers, Ann Alibrandi, Elaine Biggieri, Collin Haney, Lloyd Gibbs, and HESSCO representative Helen Rice

Absent/Excused: Director Vicki Lowe, Joanne Pratt and Vivian Pitts

Meeting called to order by Elaine Biggieri at 5:pm

Minutes from April accepted as corrected

Budget:

We are on track with Operating Budget spending.

Director's Report:

- Town Meeting approved the 19 hr. position and the increase in STWO program to \$1000 & \$10/hr.
- Vicki served on the Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee. The committee was approved to be part of the town bylaws.
- The Aging Mastery Program grant funded program on 3/18 has been started. The maximum participants are 35. None have dropped out of the program and are very enthusiastic. We have had a great response from community partners in doing the presentations. We have had speakers from B&W; HESSCO, CVNA; Walgreens; YMCA. We are doing an intergenerational Play 60 event at the Igo School. Our grand finale will include a scavenger hunt at Patriot Place and a meal at CBS Scene on 7/10. It has been very successful with seniors reporting positive impact on their health. Elaine & Chris have been fantastic with the implementation of the program.
- We had an actress in April portraying Deborah Samson Gannett, ½ program paid by the Friends.
- We had a pastel workshop by Greg Maichack paid for by the Foxboro Cultural Council.
- We had our 90s party; Garden Club and Senior Supper Club have resumed.
- We started a new bereavement group through Care Alternative Hospice.
- We had the Mother's Day luncheon catered by Chickie Flynn's. They will also cater a Father's Day luncheon in June. We are not doing the Uncommon Picnic this year in June. We may possibly to it in the early fall here at the senior center.
- We started our computer classes with the Foxboro Regional Charter School today. It was well received and should be a good partnership that has potential to be long term. There are 12 Senior enrolled and the class meets on Thursday at 11:am
- The next Men's Cookout is on 5/29 with Bill Keegan as our guest.
- Vicki is the Vice Chair of Local Office of Human Resources, and they are having an all day workshop on Hoarding in Norwood next week. Vicki has registration forms. Board members can take advantage of the LOHSC member community rate. Vicki has established a Hoarding Task Force through our Foxboro Linked Together group. This training will be very helpful.
- Friends had a plant sale which made about \$500. The Friends have awarded two young men a scholarship in Dick's name.

- Helen Rice gave her report from HESSCO and told us they were looking for things for the fund raising auction.

Old Business: The STWO program got the approvals at town meeting; however the category of employee is still an issue on the federal level. The workers have sent letters request this be changed. Vicki spoke with Paul Dumas about having the Friends do a letter campaign.

New Business:

Jerry Norwood a long time member has resigned as of April's Board Meeting. We have 2 people interested in serving on the Board. We need to review the candidates and make a written recommendation to the board of selectmen. The Board discussed each candidate. The Board voted to appoint Millie Green unanimous.

A motion to have a by law review with Bob Cutler was discussed. Lloyd made a motion to ask Bob to attend our meeting in September and review this matter. Elaine seconded and a vote was taken. Bob will be contacted see if he is available on September 18th. Board Members should call if they will not be attending a Meeting.

Vicki will be away on June 19th so she will not be able to attend the meeting on that date.

Motion to adjourn at 6:05pm made by Lloyd and seconded by Collin.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi