

## **Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services Board Meeting May 26, 2016**

**Present:** Director-Vicki Lowe, Chairperson-Lloyd Gibbs, Vice chairperson-Milli Greene, Wendy Haney, Bob Murphy, Ann Alibrandi, Nancy Stockwell, and HESSCO Rep.-Helen Rice

**Absent/Excused:** Joanne Pratt, Janet O'Neil, and Betty Travers

*The meeting was called to order by Lloyd Gibbs at 3pm. Lloyd began the meeting by reading to the Board members Joanne Pratt's letter of resignation.*

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April 28th meeting were approved as written.

### **Director's Report:**

**Budget Report-**Vicki stated that we are doing well with the operating budget. She plans to use the balance, after expenses, as a deposit on the electronic sign board for the front of the center. She stated that the sign is very expensive so she is trying to split the cost between the fiscal years. She will also use the \$2616.00 left from Capital Outlay from when the generator was installed.

**Office Report-**The driveway project has begun but DPW is very busy so Vicki is unsure as to when they will finish. They had to move the flag pole which turned out to be a bigger project than anticipated. Tony, from centralized maintenance, is ordering the sign. The sign will be double sided so that it can be read from either direction. It will have blue and gold lettering, similar to the school signs. The estimated cost for the sign is \$4575.00, which will be paid from Capital Outlay funds that were transferred to Centralized Maintenance. The expensive part of the sign is the the electronic portion. The electronic portion will have a wireless connection for messages and is installed below the main sign, similar to the sign at the High School. Tony is getting quotes but thinks it could cost as much as ten thousand dollars.

Vicki has been working with Brigham and Women's/Mass General at Patriot Place to get a panel for a community education program in the fall on the Opiod abuse problem. Vicki and Pam have attended a few opiod and substance use educational workshops to better educate themselves on the subject. Pam mentioned this at the Foxboro Linked Together meeting and there is interest in joining the panel.

**Programs Update-**In May we have several events. The Mother's Day program which was supported by the Rotary Club was on May 5th. The food was great but the entertainment didn't work out so well with such a large crowd. Minds in Motion, the eight week memory stimulation program, is very popular and will be repeated in the fall. We hosted the Mass Council on Aging's program "Government Days" today. The HESSCO

grant funded program 'Diabetes Self-Management' is an evidence based program and runs from May 19th through June 23rd.

**Upcoming Programs (June and beyond)**-Attorney Marc Cusano will be presenting the Elder Law Check-up on June 29th at 5pm. This is a pro bono program done through the Mass Bar Association. There will be two art classes in June. This summer there will be a six week summer art program during the last two weeks in July and the month of August. The art programs have been very popular. TRIAD will be hosting a pizza party in June, as the last program until the fall. The Farther's Day luncheon will be on June 8th at noon. Chickie Flynn's will cater the event and it will be free. The Fabulous Fifty's music program will be on June 23rd and funded by the Friends of Foxboro Seniors. There will be free trips this summer and fall and the COA will pay for the tour bus out of our gift account. There is a free step on guide for the trips. After the tour the bus will drop people off for lunch and shopping on their own before returning to Foxboro. Paolo DiGregorio will be doing a three part history program in June and he will be the presenter at the first Men's Cookout of the year. The Friends are funding these programs. Greg Maichak will do a Pastel Workshop on June 30th, funded by the Foxboro Cultural Council.

**Human Services Report**-Pam worked with HESSCO and Project 351, to distribute one hundred and fifty fresh fruits and vegetables to Foxboro seniors. Compassion Packets, filled with tissues, hand sanitizers, frames with inspirational quotes, etc., went out to HDM clients. Project 351 are the eighth grade 'ambassadors' of community service from across Massachusetts.

**HESSCO Report:**

Our HESSCO Rep., Helen Rice, gave us her report for May. She stated that in the Board Training report it was reported that the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid has been cut by one year throughout the country and the last day to enroll someone in the program will be August 31, 2016 with the last day of service provision on December 31, 2017. The state plans to continue to support community transitions at the end of the demonstration. The program was successful but ran out of money. They work with elders and individuals who are disabled and in nursing homes and wish to leave. They help these people transition out of the facility and back into the community by finding a place for them to live. Through March 2016, HESSCO has transitioned 45 people. The results of the consumer satisfaction survey of Care Managers and Receptionists was very positive.

**Friends of Foxboro Seniors Report:**

Paul Dumas, the Friend's Chairperson, stated that they are looking for more detail on the trips planned for August and September. He stated that the Newport trip would be discussed at their June meeting. He also stated that his board thought that September or October might be better months to go to Newport.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Evelyn Malm requested a clarification of where donations to Foxboro seniors are being used. There was a discussion on this topic.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 23rd at 3pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Haney