



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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

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

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on Thursday April 4, 2024
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:06am
- 3.) Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Jackie Kenworthy made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting, Carol Burt seconded, vote passes.
- 4.) Financial Report:

The budget is running smoothly, only one unexpected repair (Stove) will finish out this year without having to go to FinCom. May need to shift money around but will not ask for money.
- 5.) Old Business:
 - a. **Hybrid Programming:** Had a hybrid test run during memory café. 1500 saw the live video. It went very well. We will live stream Moxie and Healing with Grace. Community Nurse will also do a few segments. There is also hope for a Medicare presentation.
 - b. **Ester Dinner At the Senior Center:** The dinner was well attended. 52 meals were in person and 5 were delivered. The meal was catered by D&D.
 - c. **AARP Safe Driving Course:** There will be a safe driving course in April. Currently have 6-8 persons signed up.
 - d. **EOEA Supportive Social Day Expansion Grant:** The COA has applied and are awaiting to see if the grant was awarded. Should know by the end of April. This Grant will allow Social Day to be open 5 days a week.
 - e. **ARAW Grant Application:** Awarded 15k. The funds will be used to hire a part time outreach worker to assist Martha & Shine. This will allow Martha more flexibility to find more grant funding as well as work in other areas of need.
- 6.) New Business
 - a. **ASL Classes at the COA:** The classes are already full with a wait list. A second class has been added. The instructor is a teacher from New Bedford High School. \$5 per class or if you sign up early its \$40 for all 10 weeks.
 - b. **Hiring a part-time outreach worker:** The position will be posted shortly.
 - c. **FY25 Budget:** The COA is operated on 38k per year once the salaries are not in the budget. Nothing used in the budget is used for clients, it is strictly used for COA Operations. To assist with the deficit the COA has removed the van driver cell phones totaling \$62 per month. The training budget line item was also removed and any trainings that Martha attends with be paid for using gift account funds. The previous years of Martha attending trainings allowed her to obtain two grants which totaled more than the training line amount allotted.

d. **Summer Programming:** Martha met with the Champions group director and worked on intergenerational activities. The Champ kids will come ever other Tuesday, will spend time with social day and have lunch with them.

7.) **Directors Report**
Senior Center/Program Utilization:

	MARCH 2024	Year to Date Total
Events	488	1148
Unduplicated Persons	597	956
Units of Service	2280	6890
S.H.I.N.E. Appts	148	448
Daily Utilization Rate	76	81

AARP Senior Tax Program: Prepared taxes for 74 Seniors in March.

Transportation Utilization: In March, 153 Rides were provide to 63 Seniors.

Volunteers: 27 volunteers provided over 525 hours of service at the COA in March. The dollar value of these hours is over \$15,000.

Community Needs: 4 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertification and 4 new applications were submitted to DTA. 2 seniors were assisted with senior housing applications. 2 new households were assisted with CSFP Food Bank services, and 3 New Fuel assistance applications were submitted to PACE.

In-person event highlights: We had 3 special events in March: Two were funded by the Cultural Committee and featured A tribute to Johnny Cash (24 Persons attended) and Irish story telling (20 Persons attended). The center also hosted Easter Dinner on 3/31 and provided 48 meals in the dining room and 5 delivered meals. The Single Senior Supper Club had 28 persons in attendance and 30 persons participated in the LGBTQ+ Supper Club. 62 persons participated in the congregate lunch program (284 served meals).

Social Day: Please see the attached reports from Sally Bourke. We are still awaiting a decision regarding our grant application to expand Social Day back to 5 days, hopefully by the end of April we will have an answer.

Programming: We had a very successful live-streaming test run during the March Memory Café. It was viewed by over 1500 people. This was our first attempt with hybrid programming, and we are hopeful that we will be able to live-stream at least one program per week. We are working with Community Nurses, Coastline, and others on building the hybrid schedule over the next few months. The Drop-In Tech Café has also been extremely successful, with at least 4 people each week.

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:

4/9/24- Entertainment with Dave Valerio
4/18/24- Entertainment W/ Tony & Pat
4/25/24- Memory Café- Entertainment W/ Gary Farias
4/30/24- Entertainment W/ Rick Ferreira

Notes:

4/2/24 -Learning the History of "Oreo Cookies"
4/4/24-Red Sox Opening Day- Movie- "Field of Dreams"
4/11/24- "Celebrating the Country of **Italy**. Participants enjoyed Lasagna, Meatballs, and Spumoni for dessert! We also traveled to Italy by watching "Rick Steves "Best of Italy"!
4/24/24 Monthly Fire Drill

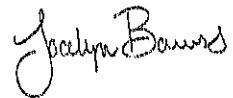
Upcoming Events:

5/9/24- Mother's Day "Tea Party"
5/14/24 – A visit from "K9 Blue" from the Fairhaven Police Department
5/23/24- Memory Café – Entertainment with Judy & Barry

9.) Next Meeting : Tuesday May 14, 2024 9:00am

10.)Roll Call & Adjournment: Robert Ryan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39am,
Carol Burt Seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jocelyn Bowers
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