

East Bridgewater Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Location: East Bridgewater Senior Center

Date: September 7, 2021

Time: Called to order 6:05 p.m.

Present: Nancy Hill, Director; Robert Ringuette, Chairman; Dee Dee Rogers, Secretary; Mary Haines, Treasurer; Susan Muir, Helen Bomar, Joan Smith, Kathleen Cavanagh, David Sheedy, Selectman

Absent: Rosemary Saccocia, Anne Marek

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING It was noted that the names of Anne Marek and Kathleen Cavanagh were mis-spelled, corrections to be made. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Susan Muir and seconded by Joan Smith. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was made by Mary Haines, current balance is \$205.29. Contribution is 2.00 a month or 20.00 for the year. Motion to accept was made by Helen Bomar and seconded by Kathleen Cavanagh, all were in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nancy stated that Pat Fay has been on a leave of absence and returned on August 25th. Covid restrictions have been lifted and the staff have been very busy. People are still hesitant to come in to the center though. Congregate meal is served on Mondays inside but attendance is low. The Grab and Go meals are on Tuesday and Thursday and the numbers are down on participation with that as well.

Saint John's food pantry has a lot of food and has requested the COA to provide transportation to their site.

Yoga started in July with good participation. Line dancing has started as well. A bereavement group is starting this month and there is also a new facilitator for the Alzheimer's support group. Memory Lane is starting up again but the numbers are dwindling.

There was a full house for Paint Night in August.

The Memorial Tree Dedication will be held on September 16th at 2:00 p.m.

The numbers are extremely low for the joint presentation with EB Hope for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Additional promotion will be done through the schools. The program will be cancelled if interest does not improve.

Motion was made by Joan Smith to accept Nancy's report and was seconded by Mary Haines, all were in favor.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Bob stated that he would like to step down as Chairman, and not run again for re-election. It was with regret that the board accepted his decision. Nominations are usually held in September but a motion was made by Susan Muir to have nominations held in October and election of officers in November due to two members not in attendance. The motion was seconded by Joan Smith and all were in favor.

SELECTMENS REPORT

Dave Sheedy stated that there will be a 9/11 ceremony at Town Hall on September 11th at 8:45 a.m. There will be a flag presentation to Peg DeFazio. The town is still searching for a Town Administrator and Town Treasurer. The new Town Accountant will start next week.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED

Nancy is interviewing an Intern who has extensive marketing background. It is hopeful a logo can be created as well as increase the COA presence on social media.

Katheen Cavanagh has been appointed as a member of the COA Board.

Motion was made by Helen Bomar to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Susan Muir, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7: 03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dee Dee Rogers, Secretary