

***North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 24, 2014***

Meeting called to order at 7:08PM at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Director, Eleanor Fritsch, Joe Veno, Ed Broughton, and Maureen Donato. Chairman, Brian Snell arrived at 7:15PM.

Absent: Rich Wallner

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2014

Motion to approve made by Ed Broughton and seconded by Joe Veno. 4-0

Director's Report

See attached copy Director's Report for complete information.

- Katherine Barr, Editor of COA News Letter, is in the process of formatting Fall Newsletter with new High School students.
- Friends of the COA with the assist from Gordon Thornton have painted the front entrance at the Senior Center and are also in the process of replacing the rug as well as the kick plates on all of the doors. The Friends have agreed to purchase new appliances for the Senior Center kitchen.
- The FY15 Capital Request and FY15 Operating Budget as presented to Town Meeting in June have been approved
- The Community Impact Team (Social Service Action Team) sponsored the Second "Annual Night Out" which was very successful with close to 700 people in attendance. The Senior Center hosted a table with representatives from MVES. The SSAT will be showing the film "GenSilent" at the Senior Center this Fall in collaboration with GLBT Students from the High School.
- The Senior Center has plans to work again this year with the NR Middle School on an intergenerational project. One of the programs will focus on music and Senior Echoes Director has agreed to work with music directors at the schools.
- Town Nurse will be at the Senior Center on Mondays at 1PM administering flu shots until vaccine supply runs out.
- Senior Center plans to work with the Veterans Department on the possibility of partnering with Town of Stoneham in applying for a grant to provide medical transportation. The present cost of medical transportation is \$44 one-way. NR has a volunteer program and an elder in need of a ride can call Mark at the Senior Center. It has been noted that the request for rides is up.
- MCOA Conference is scheduled for 10/7/14 in Falmouth and Mary Prenney, Director plans to attend.

-There will be a 6 week workshop at the Congregational Church called "Powerful Tools for Caregivers. Interested parties should call the Congregational Church for info.

Promote the COA

Two members from the Senior Center and a Board Member along with Mary Prenney, Director, manned the Senior Center Booth at NNO who greeted attendees and gave out materials to be used that night as well as informational material such as "File of Life" to be taken home.

Friends of the NR COA Update

Angela Mauceri, Vice President of FONRCOA attended September 24th COA Board Meeting and informed COA Board that their 501C3 status has been reenacted as of 10/12/14. Ms. Mauceri also informed COA Board that FONRCOA are getting quotes for Appliances for the Senior Center which should be finalized and installed very soon. The Friends have been able to obtain matching money donations from GE as well as a donation of \$1000 from a private party. They are still getting money from the sale of the book, "Brothers of War." The painting, new carpeting and sprucing up of the Senior Center this year has been donated by the FONRCOA.

Old Business

COA Board Member, Rich Wallner, is active in working with the SSAT Board. He is interested in proposing a plan that seniors come together with other groups in the community and create a place where they can go for resources and where seniors "can have a voice." This would meet the needs common to all seniors of various ages and diversity in our community. Discussion was tabled until next Board meeting due to Mr. Wallner's absence. .

New Business

Board plans to start discussion of Elections and Board Appointments next meeting. COA Board training is scheduled for September 30, 2014 in Lynn, MA

Adjourn-----7:44PM

Motion made by Brian Snell, Chairman, and seconded by Joe Veno. Unanimous 5-0

Next COA Board meeting scheduled for October 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary_____