

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7pm at the O'Leary Senior Center. A quorum was reached after the arrival of Rich Wallner. Present were Mary Prenney, Director, Eleanor Fritsch, Joe Veno, Brian Snell, Rich Wallner.

Absent: Ed Broughton

Approval of January 15, 2014

Motion was made by Joe Veno to approve minutes, seconded by Eleanor Fritsch.
Vote: Unanimous

Director's Report

Director reported to the Board that new carpet square flooring will be installed in soon. The FY15 Operating Budget was presented to BOS Board on March 3rd. Presentation went without any controversy. Director reported on a 2nd date (May 21) for another Mental Health First Aid Course. Director reported that the "Retire the Fire Program" received a \$2000 donation from the Arsenault Family from the BOW Account and the "Friends" also donated \$1000. There was discussion of asking the Friends to purchase new appliances for the kitchen at the Center. Director also updated the Board on the "Wonder" project with the Middle Schoolers and other members of the community. The project is going well and now has Nancy Parsons working with the group to promote media attention to the project "*Be a little kinder than necessary*" is the theme. Also discussed was the new movie day at the Center which now has a license and is showing to be a successful program.

Eleanor Fritsch attended the Friends of the COA meeting on May 10th and promoted the COA.

There was no one in attendance from the "Friends" but the Director reported on their upcoming fundraiser the Townwide Yardsale on April 26th

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Rich Wallner reported on a strategic plan of living in a vibrant community in which we all age well. The plan was developed by the City of Boulder, Colorado. All members received a copy of this 34 page report to read and review for the next Board meeting. The Board plans to revise the Boulder plan to better meet the needs of the North Reading Community and hopes to bring their vision to the Board of Selectmen and other community members to review and hopefully fund.

Adjourned- 7:49pm

Motion made by Joe Veno, seconded by Rich Wallner

Vote: Unanimous

Next COA Board Meeting, Wednesday April 16, 2014

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Prenney, Director _____