

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM at the O'Leary Senior Center. Present were Mary Prenney, Director, Eleanor Fritsch, Joe Veno, Ed Broughton, Chairman Brian Snell, and Maureen Donato.

Absent: Rich Wallner

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2014

Motion made by Brian Snell and seconded by Maureen Donato. Unanimous.

Director's Report

See attached copy Director's Report for complete information.

April Report given to members and May Report reviewed by Director Mary Prenney.

New Flooring completed and carpet squares have been installed. Plan is for flooring project to be completed in time for participants in Memorial Day Parade who need to use Senior Center.

FY 15 Capital Request for a new van is expected to be approved at Town Meeting, June 2, 2014.

The present van is 6 years old and has a major problem with leaking in wet weather.

FY 15 Operations Budget for level funding is also expected to be approved at Town Meeting.

The Community Impact Team (Social Service Action Team) has planned the second annual North Reading's "National Night Out" scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th from 5-7PM at Ipswich River Park. The O'Leary Senior Center will have a booth and need volunteers to man the booth.

Wonder Book Reading with Intergenerational Team at the Middle School has been deemed rewarding and successful and will be ending on June 6th. Plan is for this program to continue next year at Middle School with the Middle School Students and Elders.

Monthly Movie Showings Program done at the O'Leary Senior Center monthly has been a great success. Seniors are asked for a popcorn donation. Movie license is paid up through December 2014.

May is designated as Older American's Month. An Ice Cream Social will be held at the O'Leary Senior Center on Tuesday, May 27 . at 1PM.

Annual Volunteers Breakfast is being planned for June. Flyers will be sent to the volunteers with date and place of breakfast.

Promote the COA

Joe Veno and Maureen Donato represented the COA Board and attended the Selectman's Board Meeting on May 19th; where a Proclamation was read in honor of Older American's Month.

Friends of the NR COA Update

Angela Mauceri, Vice President, and Tom DeSwarte of FONRCOA attended May 21st COA Board Meeting and gave update to COA Board on their complications with the IRS and State of MA in regards to their issue of refilling for their Non-profit Status and registration. They have made the necessary contacts and feel assured that their issue will be resolved soon.

The FONRCOA are a very strong support to the COA and are in process of securing and funding all new appliances for the COA.

Their annual Yard Sale to raise funds was very successful despite the rainy weather.

FNRCOA Trips arranged by Eleanor Fritsch for May, June, July and August have had a good response.

Listing for trips/arrangements by FNRCOA can be found in the North Reading Transcript.

Old Business

Discussion on "a strategic plan of living in a vibrant community and aging well" which was developed by The City of Boulder Colorado and presented to the COA Board by Rich Wallner was tabled to next COA meeting due to Mr. Wallner's absence. Board members have a copy of this document to review.

New Business

Board plans to start discussion of Elections and Board Appointments next meeting.

Adjourn-----8:00PM

Motion made by Joe Veno and seconded by Ed Broughton. Unanimous

Next COA Board meeting scheduled for September 24, 2014

Respectfully submitted

Maureen L. Donato, COA Secretary _____

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