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COA Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

Board Members Present: Dennis Goguen, Deborah Goodrich, Warren Leach, Ed MacDonald, Karen Carter, Merrie Gerber, Lydia Cerce, Eileen Melican

Staff Members Present: Kathy Lohnes, Donna LoConte

Agenda Items:

Announcements

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:45.
2. Minutes Approval: Karen made a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Deb and there was no discussion. The motion carried.
3. Senior Citizens Society Update: Warren reported that the Society has 73 members. Warren thanked Kathy and Betty Larkin for assisting with the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant of \$300.00 that the Society received. The Society is presenting the Singing Trooper on Monday November 13th and Quits of Valor in collaboration with the Central Community Grange. The Society is having lunch at Vals in Holden on December 11th.
4. Kathy noted that a long-time volunteer for the COA, Sandy Lupien, passed away in October. Her husband Bruce will continue to volunteer as he is able.
5. Wachusett Rotary Turkey Donations: Kathy requested 12 turkeys to donate to Boylston Seniors this year.
6. Lions Turkey Dinner for Seniors: This will be held at the Town House on November 18th at 2:00. The deadline to register is Monday November 13th. Thirteen seniors have registered so far.

7. Nov/Dec Newsletter is being printed now and will be mailed on Monday.

Old Business

1. Fitness Class/Program Updates: Donna will provide statistics for the fitness classes monthly starting in November.
2. Van Update: The van was inspected on 10/27 and required repairs. This was done on Monday 10/30 and Tuesday 10/31. Our town mechanic, Jim Deal, was able to perform all the necessary work and also put on the van snow tires. The van was back in service today, November 1st. The lift is working properly at this time. Kathy reported that 1200 rides were provided from January 2023 through October 2023 with 44 unique riders.
3. COA Van Scheduler Title Change to Assistant / Van Driver Pay: No updates.
4. Senior Center/Feasibility Study Update: Meeting being held on 11/2/2023. Dennis will keep the board informed.
5. Signage for the COA Office: The board recommended speaking to the Sheriff's Office as they have made signs in the past. Any signage for the doors should include the Legion.
6. Estate Planning Lawyers: The COA has a list of greater Worcester area lawyers and estate planners that was written by EWSA. COA can use this list if seniors call looking for legal services. Dennis reported that he had names to add to the list.

New Business

1. Resource Booklet Development: Nothing new to report at this time.
2. Kathy reported that a senior asked about evening rides in the van. The board stated that this was not a service that would be available.

Future Agenda Items: Feasibility Study

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna LoConte