

Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services

Board Meeting May 28, 2015

Present: Director Vicki Lowe, Chairperson Joann Pratt, Wendy Haney, Milli Greene, Ann Alibrandi, Lloyd Gibbs, Bob Murphy, Nancy Stockwell, Vivian Pitts and Helen Rice HESSCO-representative

Absent/Excused: Betty Travers

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Minutes: *The minutes from April 23 2015 accepted as amended*

Budget Report: *The budget is status quo. The staff are assessing our inventory supplies to get in orders of items needed, We have been having a lot of issues in the morning when we start with My Senior Center at the front desk this is used to check in the Seniors. Vicki has a call into Eric to get some advice on repair or replacement. This is the only big ticket item anticipate.*

Director's Report:

Office: *The town is changing over to a new email system. Staff had a training yesterday. The difficulties for us are export contacts, files ad recreating our calendar and adapting to the new calendar set up. Vicki has a call into Aaron to see if there might be a calendar that better suits our needs. This also means all of our email addresses are changed. We will continue to get emails on the present system but they will be forwarded to our new account. The addresses will be first initial, last name @foxborough ma.gov. Vicki has applied and awarded grant funding for the Big E trip in September. This will cover the \$900.00 for the motor coach and admission for 50. The seniors will pay \$2.00 for the driver.*

Senior Center Program Update: *There was a pre-diabetes screening by the VNA, Inc., through a HESSCO. It was a nice complement to the Aging Mastery Program and was open to everyone. The "Bus of the Future", that the school department put on got excellent reviews from those that attended. Unfortunately the attendance was low, there were 10 seniors. It was on a Friday and Chorus had a community sing program. It may be worth scheduling again next year. Those that attended really enjoyed it. My Life My Health program began on May 20th. This will run for six weeks. This is an evidence based Chronic Disease self-management program (CDSMP). Vicki stated there is another CDSMP, a Matter of Balance, falls preventive program set up for the September and October 2015. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was great, the location was perfect. Vicki will consider the same location next year. The Friends paid for half of it.*

Upcoming –6/4 -AMP graduates will have scavenger hunt at Patriot Place.

6/11 –TheAARP will present their 'Life Re-imagined' program.

6/18 -Eric Weld will do a program about the health benefits of listening to music.

6/25 -The Fathers Day luncheon which will be catered by Chickie Flynn's.

7/23-We will be hosting the joint cook out with Wrentham Senior Center. Janet and Vicki got funding from Local Cultural Council for a local story teller Davis Bates.

Human Services-They have been very busy. Fuel Assistance is just ending. Since the start of the program on November 1, there have been 47 new applications, 140 referral contacts and 65 applications.

HESSCO –Helen informed us of the rules for the Farmers Market Coupons. The coupons will be on July 7th and good thru October 31st. HESSCO has funded \$24,000 by Fund raising. They are currently working on the 2016 budget.

Friends of Foxboro Seniors-The plant sale will be in June. On June 20th the Dick Thompson scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be awarded. The COA request for Music Program for June 18th was approved. A request of \$100.00 for next TRIAD meeting had been received. Paul stated that there was \$2,500.00 was available for TRIAD. Not approved \$10.00 subsidy per ticket for an \$81.00 trip. A new entertainment system for the COA center will be installed. Charlie Clifford explained that the cost would be \$18,000.00. This system will update the public address system and also update the TV.

OLD Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Alibrandi