

Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services Board Meeting June 23, 2016

Present: Director-Vicki Lowe, Chairperson-Lloyd Gibbs, Vice chairperson-Milli Greene, Wendy Haney, Bob Murphy, Ann Alibrandi, Nancy Stockwell, Betty Travers, and HESS-CO Rep.-Helen Rice

Absent/Excused: Janet O'Neil

The meeting was called to order by Lloyd Gibbs at 3pm. At this time, Vicki presented Joanne Pratt with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service to the Foxboro COA/HS and to Foxboro seniors.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 26th meeting were approved as corrected.

Director's Report:

Budget Report-Vicki stated that the budget is reconciled for FY'16. She stated that we will be zeroing out the budget when we encumber the deposit for the new electronic sign board. We will be starting the new fiscal year with twelve additional driver hours which were approved at Town Meeting.

Office Report-As far as the driveway project goes, we are waiting for the paving contractor for the driveway. DPW plans to finish the sidewalks by next week. DPW and Centralized Maintenance have been very helpful throughout the process.

Vicki had the HESSCO Grant audit yesterday (6/22) and it went very well. We have been approved for another year of funding. Vicki plans on having 'A Matter of Balance', the fall prevention program, at the senior center this fall for eight weeks. This program will take place in September and October. Vicki is coordinating with other COA Directors to plan other programs.

Vicki went to a program sponsored by the Neponsett Valley Alzheimers Partnership and the topic was 'Memory Cafes'. We plan to start one in the fall. The Cafe provides a place for caregivers and their loved one to be in a judgement free zone to socialize, have coffee and snacks, entertainment, etc. Foxboro will host their Cafe on the third Tuesday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The first date will be on September 20th. Annette Fisher has agreed to play some old songs on the piano and lead a sing along if attendees have an interest. There are Memory Cafes opening up at surrounding COA's, so we are coordinating to have a sheet available with the days and times that the Cafes will be open to give to caregivers. The COA's are being careful not to overlap, so that we can offer this type of venue to people in the area throughout the week.

Vicki will be doing a cable program with Maureen Carderelli, our Public Health Nurse, about 'Protecting Your Skin During the Summer' on Monday.

Programs Update-It's the time of year when programs are ending for the summer (Chorus, Card Making, Meditation and Relaxation, TRIAD, etc.), but there are some exciting programs lined up for the summer. These include Summer Art Classes, Gary Highlander (doing a three part series on elections of the sixties, seventies, and eighties), Paolo Digregorio, Jack Craig, and Patricia Perry. Judith Kalaora will be doing a program about Christa McAulliffe called 'The Challenger'. The 'Friends' have agreed to pay for these programs. We will also have the Men's Cookouts and the Senior Supper Club. At the end of June, Greg Maichak will be doing a pastel painting class paid for by the Foxboro Cultural Grant.

The free trips to Newport will take place on August 4th and September 22nd. The Friends will be splitting the cost for these trips. The bus will cost eight hundred and fifty dollars per trip. The COA will pay their share from our gift account in which eight hundred and ten dollars was received in memory of Ralph Guimond. The trip is only open to Foxboro seniors. The seniors will pay for tips only.

There will be a day trip to Stockbridge in August. The trip to the Grand Canyon in October is booked solid, with a waiting list.

Human Services Report-Vicki stated that we are gearing up for the increase in driving hours and will evaluate how this impacts Cathy's position. Currently, Vicki plans to have Noreen help with data entry on Monday afternoons which will help to free Cathy up for Outreach.

HESSCO Report:

Our HESSCO Rep., Helen Rice, shared with us her HESSCO report for June.

Friends of Foxboro Seniors Report:

Evelyn Malm stated that on Thursday night (June 30th), the Friends are having a fund raising night at Pub 99 in Foxboro. With the certificate from flyers handed out, fifteen percent of your bill goes to the Friends. The Friends will be meeting at the Public Service Building for the rest of the year. Vicki stated that she is grateful for the many programs the Friends have funded.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

After the resignation of Joanne Pratt from our committee, our board voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, Edward O'Leary as our choice for COA/HS committee member. We also voted to take the months of July and August off and resume meetings in September unless there was important issue to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 29th at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Haney