

Wendy Stevens

From: AOL Member Service <judmiz@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Wendy Stevens
Subject: Fwd: Corrected COA minutes 4/12/22

Hi Wendy
Here are COA minutes that were corrected and accepted at the May 5, 2022 meeting
Thanks, Judy

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From: Diane Alexander <veggiegirl29@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Fri, May 6, 2022 2:28 pm
Subject: Corrected COA minutes 4/12/22

THE WINCHENDON COUNCIL

ON AGING

April 12, 2022
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting commenced at 9:35AM.

PRESENT: Full quorum including Judy Mizhir, Chairwoman, Sheila Betro, Director, Diane Alexander, Secretary, Anne Coderre, Phil White, Rita Amenta, Dick LaDeau, Lynn Murray, Asso., AnneMary Smith, Asso.

ABSENT: Gail Casavant, Gloria LaBrack, John Webber, Jean Joyal.

A moment of silence was observed following the passing of Jackie Flynn, a long-standing, active member of the COA of approx. 20 years.

Minutes from December COA meeting were moved and accepted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: A grant has been requested for food pantry items. Montachusett Home Care and Heywood Hospital have been good supporters. Local churches have made many helpful donations to the Senior Center. Monetary donations have helped a lot. Some products needed include toilet paper, tuna and/or chicken salads with crackers, spaghetti sauce, cereal, or cookies, etc. The food pantry is busier than usual and is well used.

Attendance for lunches has picked up though will likely not be as much as it was pre-pandemic.

When comparing our average attendance to other surrounding towns we find the following:

TOWN Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

Ayer @ 9 a day

Ashburnham 10 6 6 6 Closed

Sterling 3 3 4 3 Closed

Shirley 14 7 14 4 Closed

Westminster 40-Bingo 14 down 13 4

Hubbardston 7 7

Winchendon 25 25 38-Bingo 16 20

*On April 25th Denis Cormier will come sing Songs of Yesteryear. Denis also does Elvis impersonations, etc.

*On May 1st there will be a Celebration of Life activity to remember and honor victims of the Covid-19 virus. Many may not have had opportunity to mourn their friends and loved ones. This may help to assuage the need of us to remember them.

*The 3rd Wednesday of the month is designated Cookie Booth Day where cookies are on sale. The small amount of money is used for a trip to Lickity Splits or Murdock Farms, etc. The take from the sales is approx. \$40-\$50.

*Today is National Grilled Cheese Day!

*Tomorrow luncheon will be served for the DPW employees. Follow-up luncheons are planned for the Police and Fire Depts. later in the year.

No progress has been made on building repairs yet.

We are looking into requesting Mr. Sulzbach to purchase the fence outside which currently costs the Senior Center \$146/mo.

We locked in our fuel cost at \$2.50/gal. Last year it was \$3/gal. We also lost \$3000 to \$4000 from our budget which went to the town CPR acct, copier acct., etc. I will have to go to town hall to find money for gas for transportation.

Report voted on and accepted.

NEW BUSINESS: Report of the Nominating Committee phone meeting handout was given. It included Gloria LaBrack's resignation from the COA and designation to Honorary/Associate member.

A recommendation was made for Lynn Murray and AnnMary Smith to become full members of the COA committee. A request will be sent to the Board of Selectmen. Voting was unanimous in favor of both proposals.

Proposals were voted on and accepted.

A proposal was made to change the COA meeting to Thursdays at 9:39AM. All agreed.

On April 24th, Sunday, the Masons will put on a ham dinner at 1PM at the Old Murdock Senior Center.

Broadview has reached out to the director for a meeting. A request to pay for putting an advertisement was presented and denied by the committee. We currently make medical runs for Broadview residents.

Various nursing homes have made dessert donations, etc. for our lunches which is appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2022, at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Diane M. Alexander
Secretary