

**Barnstable Council on Aging**  
825 Falmouth Rd  
Hyannis, MA 02601

**Monthly Meeting – April 20, 2016**  
**@ 9:00 AM**

Present: Taylor Cobb, John Jope, Josephine Melpignano, Eleanor Letterie, John Alden, Paul Curley, Ella Rollins, Barbara Cross, Anna Valtsakis

Also present: Madeline Noonan, Director, Donna Burns, Assistant Director, Gary Sylvester, FBCOA

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM and a quorum was met. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as written. One amendment was made to the time of the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Change was made after March meeting from 1:30 to 12:00.

Director's Report:

- LGBT dinner launch on April 14<sup>th</sup> was a huge success with approximately 40 people in attendance
- LGBT caregiver support group, slow start but meetings are twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays
- The senior center will be playing the Gen Silent movie on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and again at 5:00
- A rotary grant was received for \$3,000 to support safety awareness for seniors. Staff and volunteers will go to seniors home for inspections
- Starting in May our outreach dept will be going to the village libraries to assist seniors that potentially cannot make it to the center
- There has been excellent feedback on the new Compass magazine
- Freezer is being replaced due to a compressor issue. A grant was found through the Community Development Block Grant for \$15,000. With these funds the aging dishwasher will also be replaced
- Request for \$300 to show the movie "Age of Love" is being asked of the FBCOA
- Outside vendors have had a couple of events at the senior center with great turnouts. Social Security forum and Vietnam Veteran memorial
- Annual Memorial Day event on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00
- National Senior Health and Fitness day to take place on May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Off site Job Fair on April 21<sup>st</sup> will take place at Career Opportunities on North Street in Hyannis
- Working on the FY17 budget, more information at the May COA board meeting

FBCOA report

- The Friends were asked to purchase a freezer for the center. This did not pass but they offered to cover the expense for the two additional mailing of the Compass
- They have also agreed to cover the expense of a Bocci courts and the equipment need
- Monthly fundraiser events will be starting in June, usually, in the past there have only been two to three annually

Volunteer report

- There was a volunteer meeting with Donna Burns that was a huge success. Very informative and rewarding to volunteer for the senior center

Ombudsman's report

- Been working with a few clients to smooth things over
- Looking to start a committee consisting of COA members and staff to write a new Mission Statement for the senior center

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM

Next meeting May 18, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Enos