



**Rehoboth Council on Aging**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**@ Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center**  
**Minutes of May 22, 2019**

- 1) **Call to order**---7:04 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Charlene Cunha, MaryBeth Moriarty, Neal Harrington, Ron Whittemore, Dr. Robert Lambe and Linda Sherman  
**Members Excused**--- Dr. Bruce Thayer, Sue Laverdiere  
**Guests Present**--- Kim Robens
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**---April 17, 2019 Minutes were approved as is- MaryBeth Moriarty abstained because she was absent. Neal Harrington 1<sup>st</sup>, Ron Whittemore 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.
- 5) **Presentations**--- None
- 6) **Expense Reports**--- Look great, pleased that Gifts & Bequests revenue keeps increasing. Ron W. asked about a generous donation given from Home & Security. Linda said that they donate every year in memory of their late Grandmother. They also do not charge us for their services or part for our building. Razzo Coffee also made a donation into Gifts & Bequests. The owner of Razzo, Lisa Thompson, also volunteers here at the C.O.A. in the kitchen.
- 7) **Director's Report**---  
Mother's Day Tea- is scheduled for May 9th  
Kalifornia Karl Karaoke- will perform on May 20th  
Sara Kanarian- We honored Sara Kanarian's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on May 20<sup>th</sup>, went very well. Steve Howitt and Gerry Schwall both gave proclamations to Sara honoring her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She did not want anything over the top, just very low key. Sara was so grateful and enjoyed her special day. Sara came in the next day to personally thank Linda for such a lovely day and also gave a lovely thank you card.  
T.R.I.A.D. -will be planning another trip to Plymouth. We have 2 vans available to us from the Sheriff's Dept. The trip will be on Wed. August 7, 2019. 26 people are interested in going so far.  
T.R.I.A.D. - Mon. June 3, 2019 will be the Multi-Generational Luncheon. The Beckwith School chorus will perform for the Seniors.  
Marion Manor- Kristy will come to host Dollar Store BINGO.
- 8) **Old Business**---Palmer River Time Bank (P.R.T.B.) update- Ron stated that the Selectmen reviewed it and were familiar with it. Some residents had already enrolled into the P.R.T.B. The C.O.A. now need to accept to endorse this program. The C.O.A. would allow those Seniors enrolled to use their volunteer time here at the Senior Center, into the P.R.T.B. program. We would be only a contributor of this program and not be held liable for any issues that could happen during services done. Each volunteer member has to pay \$20 to enroll into this program. This membership fee keeps the Volunteer as the responsible party. Ron W. suggests that we do a letter stating that the C.O.A. endorses the P.R.T.B. program membership for the benefit of our C.O.A. Volunteers. This letter will be presented to the Town Council. Dr. Lambe asked to motion this request. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> and Neal H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- 9) **New Business**--- Director needs prior authorization to spend Gifts & Bequests and B.E.S.I. for service repairs— Requested by Gerri Schwall. 1.) Additional approval made by a C.O.A. Board Member for services and repairs done at the Senior Center. 2.) Limit to not exceed \$750 or a second authorization approval would be needed. 3.) This would pertain to B.E.S.I. or Gifts & Bequests accounts funds. Dr. Lambe motioned to accept this authorization request. MaryBeth M. 1<sup>st</sup> and Neal H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- 10) **B.E.S.I. Report**--- None

- 11) **Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report---** MaryBeth M. stated no meetings until June. She reported that there was only 1 request for fuel. Linda has a Lifeline invoice for Sue L.
- 12) **Correspondence---** Sturdy Hospital sent a thank you letter for the pillowcases and blankets that were made by our Sewing Ladies group.
- 13) **C.O.A. Building usage---** Senior Club Bazaar- Dr. Lambe motioned to accept. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> and Neal H. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- 14) **Open Forum---** 1.) Linda stated that Brad is now certified for additional access to 'Health Connector' which is used for the S.H.I.N.E./Outreach program. This additional data base access will be even more helpful for our Seniors.  
  
2.) Neal H. had concerns about large functions here at the C.O.A. and the main café doors being closed during set up for these larger functions. There was not enough seating for the early arrival of 15-20 Seniors in the t.v. waiting area and some had canes or were not able to wait while standing because of the seating area being full. The Senior Club had a special Birthday celebration luncheon and there was a larger crowd more than usual. The Club holds their meetings at Noon. Linda stated that ZUMBA classes are the same days as the Senior Club meetings and ZUMBA ends at 11:00 a.m. Because of this particular class, there are no tables or chairs set up because the class needs a clear space for movement. The kitchen volunteers need extra time to set up the tables and chairs in the café. Ron W. suggested that maybe special luncheon meetings could start a bit later at 12:30 instead for extra time to set up for a larger crowd. Linda said she would mention this suggestion to the Senior Club.
- 15) **Other Business Issues---** Ron W. and Linda stated that efforts have been made to split an SUV that the Town owns. Tues. and Thurs would have too much conflict. A suggestion to maybe purchase our own 'used SUV out of G&B funds.
- 16) **Adjournment---** 7:58pm- Dr. Robert Lambe motioned to adjourn meeting- MaryBeth Moriarty 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Neal Harrington 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Kimberly Robens- Secretary*

Approved by:



Dr. Robert Lambe  
C.O.A. Board President

*Next COA Board Meeting- To be determined at a later time*