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Rehoboth Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
@ Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center
Minutes of October 3, 2018

- 1) **Call to order**---7:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Dr. Robert Lambe, Dr. Bruce Thayer, Charlene Cunha, MaryBeth Moriarty, Sue Laverdiere, Linda Sherman
Members Excused--- Neal Harrington, Ron Whittemore
Guests Present--- Kim Robens
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**--- June 27, 2018 Regular minutes- Approved. Dr. Thayer 1st motioned and Charlene 2nd motioned
- 5) **Presentations**--- None
- 6) **Expense Report**---C.O.A. Budget reports look great. Dr. Lambe was impressed with how the Gifts & Bequests account kept increasing. Linda stated that we constantly keep working at it, just in case our C.O.A. Dept. has to close. There were no other concerns on our budgets, they all looked great.
- 7) **Director's Report**---Lady Prisoners C.O.A. work detail has decreased- not as many to help here. They did come recently to clean all of the restrooms. Outside cleanup was not able to happen because one of the prisoners had allergies to bees. Anawan Pharmacy came to do Flu Shot Clinic here Oct. 1st, and will come back on Oct. 17th from 9am-11am, during breakfast. Asked Nurse Jaime to come too. They may come back possibly on Nov. 6th during voting. Core Class has ended permanently due to the instructor leaving to start her own business. TRIAD Breakfast w/Santa will be on Dec. 1st from 10am-12noon. Another possible trip somewhere with the Seniors is in the works. CPR Class with Bonnie on Nov. 8th @ 12:30pm. Kalifornia Karl will perform on Oct. 9th hosted by Wingate Nursing. 20 Thanksgiving baskets for the C.O.A. will be donated by Todd from the Congregational Church, they will also help deliver them to our Seniors in need as well. Hannaford's Supermarket will be donating more 'Helping Hands' food boxes for our C.O.A. and Police as well. Dr. Thayer asked who determined eligibility for the donated food boxes. Linda stated that Brad has a list of local seniors who are eligible. Hannaford's also donated 20 apple pies this week. They donate food for us every week. Linda has met with both the Manager and Assist. Mgr. and they have been super helpful and very nice. Steve Martin also helps us here at the Senior Center with donations when needed. M.E.M.A. will be doing a presentation during lunch on Mon. Oct. 29th, along with TRIAD and R.E.M.A. Formula Grant FY 2018/2019 is still in process because of possible dollar amount per senior may increase to \$12. All the paperwork forms are completed and signed. We are still waiting for the State Controller to release the funds. The State will forward over the funds directly to the Town, then the Town will transfer the funds over to our C.O.A. Formula Grant account. Also noted that Representative Steve Howitt has been so helpful with us here at our C.O.A. and he is just a really nice guy. Chef Bill is in Texas! We will not have him through the winter. We have our kitchen volunteers stepping up and helping extra. Joan has been leading the kitchen team on Mondays, Steve & Diane have been helping out on Tuesdays, Steve and Bill Maiorano on Wed. Breakfast. Tasty Thurs. is currently open for extra help. Chef Bill needs the help now more than ever. He is a good leader but just can't do it all alone. Bill also has been helping us with donated meats from Hannaford's. He knows how to properly check for spoilage and proper temperatures to store the meats. Brad will be starting with Medicare open enrollment very soon. Bill Laplante, who also volunteers with AARP Taxes here at our C.O.A., will be helping Brad out with some of his overloaded appointments during this hectic time of year. Bill Laplante also helps with S.H.I.N.E. over at the Taunton and Norton C.O.A. Senior Centers.

- 8) **Old Business**---We are still searching for a roof repair contractor- Dr. Lambe asked if the C.O.A Board has to authorize anything. MaryBeth M. asked if Municipal projects have to go through Town Hall before we use vendors. Does Helen have to authorize first then C.O.A. Board to approve? Linda said she would inquire.
- 9) **New Business**---C.O.A. Board yearly approval for Linda Sherman, C.O.A. Director to authorize invoices for the Dept. of Council on Aging Senior Center. Dr. Lambe motioned to approve- MaryBeth M. 1st motioned and Charlene C. 2nd motioned.
- 10) **B.E.S.I. Report**---Dr. Bruce Thayer commented on how Nancy over at B.E.S.I. is a great leader and has been very pleased with all that she does for the B.E.S.I. program. Nancy has been working hard on keeping their Nurses from leaving B.E.S.I. to go to 'other' agencies due to better salaries and job opportunities. Dr. Thayer asked Linda how the B.E.S.I. meal delivery truck drivers were- Linda stated that they have been great and have been no issues with the meals or the delivery times to the Senior Center. Dr. Thayer mentioned that the 'Purple Table' program for Seniors with Dementia, has been doing very well in the Fall River area. Staff at these businesses have been really catering towards this pilot program.
- 11) **Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report**---MaryBeth M stated that their meetings have begun again and fundraiser letters are currently in process and well underway. Sue L. who is currently the Treasurer, needs help. They are working hard on keeping it up and going. Neal H. is also serves on the Board for this. They wanted to remind everyone that they help serve our local seniors in need and every penny raised goes towards our seniors. Services that they provide are podiatry, fuel assistance and 'Life Line'. They urgently need more volunteers to help keep the program running. They still meet every 3rd Monday of the month, but will be flexible with the times and the days if they can get more volunteers to join and help them.
- 12) **Correspondence**---None
- 13) **C.O.A. Building Usage**---#1 Rehoboth Garden Club- meet 1st Mon/mth. - Dr. Lambe asked to approve- Sue L. 1st motioned, Mary Beth 2nd motioned. #2 Animal Advocates Fundraiser Pasta bar- MaryBeth M. asked if they are qualified to use kitchen. Sue L. said yes- Chico is ServSafe experienced and qualified and knows what he is doing. Dr. Thayer asked if there were any legal problems if clubs use our kitchen and if our building was used for 'Town Only' functions. Sue L. asked if there needed to be a 'ServSafe' someone here during these functions. Linda stated that functions held here are 'Town Only' functions and a 'ServSafe' certified person must be present if serving food to the public at these functions here. Dr. Thayer asked 'what if someone gets hurt here, is Town Hall responsible?' Linda was not sure on this. MaryBeth M. wanted to know if Town Hall had insurance coverage for anyone getting hurt here using our building. Dr. Lambe motioned to approve Bldg. Usage #2- Dr. Thayer 1st motioned and Sue L. 2nd motioned.
- 14) **Open Forum**--- Linda wanted to comment on how very happy she was to have Judy Lambe newly volunteer as our C.O.A. Dietician, we are just waiting on her C.O.R.I. check approval. Dr. Lambe asked if there was anything else anyone wanted to add- None.
- 15) **Adjournment**---7:38p.m. - Dr. Lambe motioned to adjourn meeting- Sue L. 1st motioned and Dr. Thayer 2nd motioned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kimberly Robens- Secretary

Approved by:



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