Board of Elder Services

Minutes of the Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2014

Present: William Begley, Dorothy Canniff, Jeanette Rose, Laureen Pizzi and Elaine Pepe

The Minutes of January 27, 2014 were unanimously approved.

The Director gave her report:

**BUDGET**

I submitted a level funded CDBG budget, as instructed, for FY 15 totaling $194,416 for salaries and $13,732 for expenses. It is expected the state grant will remain at $8 per elder and the breakdown is $$68,221 for salaries and $22,867 for expenses. CDBG funding remains the same at $38,716 (Volunteer Management) and $24,679 (Transportation).

**PROGRAMS**

The Director presented for the Board’s discussion and approval, a change in the Programs Policy by including volunteers, in addition to seniors 60+ of the Town of Weymouth for priority registration for programs.

*Present reading: Registration to programs is first offered to seniors (60+) of the Town of Weymouth.* (add) and non-resident official volunteers. *If additional space is available, non-residents are welcome to participate. Transportation and Outreach Services are solely offered to residents of the Town of Weymouth.*

After motioned made by Dot Canniff and seconded by Laureen Pizzi, the new language to include non-resident official volunteers was approved unanimously.

“A Matter of Balance”, an eight week evidenced-based program developed by Boston University, was offered again starting March 4-April 22. The first program had an overwhelming response. Only 12 can be registered under the guidelines of the program. This was our second class and I have received positive feedback on both. Classes have been funded through a grant award and conducted by representatives of Norwell VNA who are certified to teach the program. We will run another class in the fall if there is enough interest and possibly a class offered through a grant on arthritis.

Special upcoming programs:

May 4 Rotary Pancake Breakfast.

May 6 and 12 – Drop in Sing-Along with Randy.

May 16 at 1 p.m. Theater of the 30’s, 40’s and 50’s partially funded by a Cultural Council Grant.

May 11, Home Fire Safety offered by Weymouth Fire Dept. under the Senior Student Awareness of Fire Education grant. This program coincides with the theme for Older Americans Month (celebrated in May): *Safe Today: Healthy Tomorrow*.

May 19 at 1 p.m. Older Wiser Driver, one hour program to help seniors sharpen their driving skills. Presented by John Paul, constirubor to AAA’s “Horizons” newsletter.

May 20, Free Beach stickers issued for seniors 65+ by Harbormaster Paul Milone.

May 21 10-12 Norfolk County Register of Deeds

May 21 at 12:30 Treatment Options for Arthritis and Joint Pain presented by Michael O’Reilly, MD. - and includes lunch. This program is sponsored by South Shore Hospital, Weymouth Elder Support Council and Olympic Pizza, a “Healthy Wey” featured restaurant in South Weymouth.

May 12 TRIAD meeting with Ralph Poland from SafetyNet by Lojack search and rescue program for those with Alzheimer’s and related conditions such as Autism and Down Syndrome or other cognitive impairment who a prone to wandering.

Once again, we had a table at the Annual Health Fair which was held at the Elks on

April 17. It was an excellent fair with varied vendors and services and many people walked through.

**TRANSPORTATION**

For 3rd of the fiscal year (January - April) transportation serviced 205 unduplicated people were provided with 960 rides.

**OUTREACH**

Outreach workers provided assistance 204 unduplicated seniors in the third quarter of FY 14 with 637 units of service in the areas of case management, family assistance, fuel assistance, financial management assistance, and general information and referral. Please stop by and introduce yourself to our new outreach worker Ann Bessette.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Gutter cleaning took place a couple of weeks ago.

Expect Senator Murphy’s reps to prepare front garden soon.

Request for new carpet mat for front entrance. Old mat had some tears in it and a couple of people tripped so it was removed.

I have asked for a quote for new doors.

The custodian was out for an extended period of time. Custodian was sent from Town Hall only to do minimum – clean bathrooms, empty baskets. John had his work cut out from him when he returned.

**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT**

Two new volunteers were added to the volunteer corps during the second quarter for a total of 169 volunteers.

**SHINE**

Representatives Norman and Lucy assisted 106 unduplicated people during the period January – March with 138 units of service.

**OTHER**

A Social Services Guide was released in March and copies are available in the Lobby.

New website went online in April. Check out Elder Services page.

The AARP Tax Assistance Program representatives were very busy and prepared tax returns free of charge for 249 seniors. They told me Weymouth was their busiest site.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Barnes, Director for Jeanette Rose, Secretary