



EASTHAM COUNCIL ON AGING COA Board Meeting 5/4/2023

COA Board Chair Joan Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

COA Board Members Present: Paula Bruns, Carol DiBona, Beverly Hobbs, Joan Lockhart, Linda Reed, Richard Trimble, Pat Turiello

FECO Board Members Present: Suzanne Barnhart, Joanne Irish

COA Staff Present: Dorothy Burritt, Monica Keefe-Hess

Minutes from the February 23, 2023, and March 23, 2023, meetings were approved unanimously.

Directors Report:

- Dorothy attended the Elder Services Annual Meeting. The RSVP program which provides umbrella insurance for volunteer drivers has been discontinued. She will investigate whether MIIA offers coverage for volunteers. Although, she noted that other volunteer drivers for other COAs take on the liability themselves.
- Dorothy announced that a pay increase for drivers has been approved.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th. VR's will cater for the luncheon.
- Wendy Apostol will substitute for Jim's exercise classes during his upcoming scheduled vacation days.

Chairperson's Report:

- Joan reviewed the results of the priority list provided by each board member regarding the Aging in Eastham study results. Three categories were identified as top priorities for implementing recommendations of the UMASS report. Committees were formed to address these areas. The committees are as follows:
 1. Advocacy Committee: Paul Bruns, Suzanne Barnhart, Beverly Hobbs, Joan Lockhart and Pat Turiello
 2. Transportation Committee: Linda Reed, Richard Trimble and Pat Turiello
 3. Combatting Social Isolation: Carol DiBona, Joan Lockhart, Linda Reed and Richard Trimble

Committee Reports:

Elder Services

- Paula Bruns noted that the RFP for Title III Community Grants should be issued late spring. Dorothy mentioned that she was aware of this and had planned on attending the informational session via Zoom and applying for funding to allocate for transportation. A discussion ensued about other areas where this funding support could be utilized.

Volunteers

- Linda Reed reported that responses from the call out for volunteers in the recent issue of the newsletter are trickling in. There is now a team of volunteer greeters at the center five mornings a week.

FECOIA Updates

- Joanne Irish reported robust Thrift Shop sales for the month of April. Volunteers are returning from their winter homes and provided 323 volunteer hours.

Carol DiBona motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 am. Pat Turiello seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next board meeting will be in the Earle Mountain Room at Town Hall on Thursday, May 25th at 9:30 am.