

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

November 7th 2018

Meeting opened: 1:45 pm

Member present: David Ketchum, Chris Asselin, Julie Knapp, Penny Sutter & Amy Howell

Staff present: Chris Hottle

Motion by Chris A. to accept the minutes, Julie seconded. Minutes were accepted unanimously with amended changes.

Director's Report

- Nancy will be returning to work Dec. 10th. Rick has been managing the kitchen without added on extra time. He and the volunteers have done an incredible job, meals have been astounding, Because of the volume of people attending the Wed. lunch program, a wait list has been created at times but all have been served. (People on waitlist less than 24 hours) There is a maximum of 60 seats at present for special lunches. Food costs have been running \$150 weekly.
- David Asher holiday meal is on December 9th.
- The MCOA conference was highly informative for Chris and Andrea, who attended workshops in resiliency, reframing aging, sexuality, spirituality, bullying and more.
- Age-Friendly Cape Cod updated. Will be useful in developing awareness of unintentional ageism and creating age friendly communities for all ages. Ageism is a stigma that needs to be addressed. It was brought up that there are no municipal signs directing people to the Provincetown Senior Center.
- The new town website will be up and running April/May. Chris mentioned to designer to make this an age friendly website.
- New budget for 2019 was submitted with a request for an increase in some personnel hours, for the first time in many years, to maintain services with increased demands.
- The 2020 census is important because funding, like the Formula Grant, is based on it. The rate has just increased \$12 per person. In 2010 there were 938 seniors, going up to over 1300 seniors in 2017. Need to educate public about the importance of filling out census for grant purposes.
- My Senior Space is a digital program that is a sign-in, number of people attending programs, essential for accurate reporting. Very expensive, most other cape towns have it. The publisher of our newsletter has a much less expensive version of this program.

Old Business

- Will approach Beautification Committee about the landscape plantings in April.
- Discussion about what to call the Senior Center, (community center?) need to get on top of it for new website.

New Business: Discussion obtaining a new van.

Next meeting will be held on December 5th, 2018. Chris A made a motion to close the meeting at 3:05. Julie seconded the motion. All vote to adjourn unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Howell, clerk