

COA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Frank at 9:00 AM

Present: Frank Froment, Jim Whitcomb, Betty Whitcomb, Linda Hescok, Tony Stavely, Randy Foster, Carol Pike, Ted Thornton, Sue McGowan, Becky Sommer-Petersen

Absent: Judie Tate

Minutes: Linda motioned and Betty seconded to accept the December minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Director's Report:

Becky began by providing a background of her experience.

Financial:

Treasurer's report provided but not voted on.

Thursday lunch money needs to be funded. Tony and Becky will look into options.

Activities:

- Any group using the room must provide liners for the trash barrel. Jim will look into seeing if the town can provide these.
- The suggestion was made to separate recent activities from upcoming ones in the Director's Report
- On February 9 the play Accidental Wedding will be performed at 1:00 PM. A liaison is needed at 11:00 AM for Steve Henderson, the play's organizer. Randy Foster volunteered. The grant for this is \$50 short.
- Attendance at Generations of Fun is falling. Becky will coordinate with the kindergarten teacher to help address this.
- In general we need more outreach from the COA to get seniors involved in more activities

Future:

- We will discuss ways to make up the \$50 shortfall for the play
- Meetings will be moved to the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM
- The treasurer will work to reorganize the report to facilitate reading and understanding
- A long range plan for agendas will be looked into, including 30, 60, 90 day plans

Round Table Discussion:

- Update on reception for Heather at Cameron's on January 29th. Sue and Tony will purchase the gift for her
- We will start a file of events offered at the Senior Center
- Attendance at Healthy Bones and Balance nearly tripled after the newspaper article
- Training for COA members will be provided by Emmett at the Bernardston COA on February 25th at 9:00 AM. Anyone interested in going should contact Becky
- The county COA's are invited to get together to pick each other's brains on February 5 at LifePath.
- Neighbors at Home are receiving 1 - 2 calls per week. Mailings will be sent next year in hopes to increase enrollment.
- Becky cannot post messages on the Next-door email list since she does not have a local address. Betty agreed to post for her.
- Should we have a Northfield Seniors Facebook page?
- Friends of the COA will be invited to our next meeting
- Frank wishes to set up three committees to make the COA more effective

Adjournment:

Linda made the motion, several people seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed at 10:17

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Whitcomb, acting secretary