

HANOVER COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes of the Regular COA Board Meeting, July 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Hanover C.O.A. Advisory Board was held on Wednesday July 10, 2019, at the Hanover Senior Center. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dick Farwell at 1:00 PM. All members were present Dick Farwell, Les Molyneaux, Carol Mattes, Claire Flynn, Ellie Kimball, Don Buckley & Roger Leslie. Additional attendees were Director Tammy Murray, Staff – Nancy Lester, Katie O'Brien and Jen Dunn.

The minutes from the June 17, 2019 regular meeting were accepted with corrections.

Tammy Murray had no Director's Report from June 17th through July 11th, 2019. Statistics FY 2019 were shared and reviewed. Tammy shared that they are looking for an acrylic painting instructor. Tammy shared they are working on the August newsletter. With the expanded number of pages, for the newsletter, they will be able to provide more and in-depth information in the newsletter

2019 Budget wrap-up – we did fully spend the Formula Grant.

Tammy also shared that she is looking into cameras for Newcomb Hall. There has been a theft incident and with cameras they would probably be able to determine who might have been at fault for the incident.

Building Updates – They are getting an estimate on the water regulator that is causing the leak into Tammy's office. Outstanding issues are the fence that was broken by a tree and bees in the barrel.

Katie shared August Programs

- A busy August is planned.
- 8/5 – Coffee with a cop
- 8/8 – Van trip to Plymouth
- 8/9 – Minding your Money
- 8/9 – Magician
- 8/13 & 20th – Friendship Home Lunches
- 8/19 – Tea with Dolly Madison
- 8/22 – Van trip to Derby St. and Hornstra Farm
- 8/22 – Stakeholders Discussion Meeting
- 8/23 – Program on Ospreys
- 8/30 – Movie – “Second Hand Lions”

We discussed “bullying” at the Center. 2 board members were victims of residents trying to force them to leave a room that the residents weren't scheduled to occupy for 45 minutes. There are new signs posted reminding residents that the room they are going to occupy may be busy up until the time their program is due to start. There was another incident at a music event where residents were not respectful to those around them and the musicians (they were loud). Again, 2 board members were present and witnessed the situation.

Jen shared information on the food that we receive from South Shore Action Council. This is a very popular program and to make the process fair, everyone is given a ticket and then when the distribution is opened, numbers are pulled randomly. Jen also shared that volunteers have been extremely helpful getting the distribution ready and helping with the distribution.

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On Thursday, August 22nd at 4:30 pm there will be Stakeholders meetings for residents to come and share what they would like to see the Center offer. There will be a light dinner served. This is a meeting to support the Strategic Plan and to be sure we are meeting the needs to those participating at the Center and those who would like to begin using the Center. This will be an important meeting for Board members to attend and be participants.

There will also be an Open House on Thursday, September 26th from 5-8. This is another important event for Board members to attend and participate.

Claire asked if the board would consider changing the day of our board meeting from the 2nd Wednesday to the 1st Wednesday still at 1 PM. The board discussed the changed and agreed to change the board meeting to the First Wednesday at 1 PM.

Carol reviewed the annual list that she prepares (attached) to review issues that are discussed that continue to surface throughout the year. In the **PROGRAMMING** area there was discussion on bus trips and the need to find an alternative to what we have been doing. TRIAD needs improved attendance and better marketing. The fire department was not successful in being awarded the Knox Lock Boxes. **FACILITY** - We discussed the piano and the board took voted to give Tammy the right to dispose of the piano. The board feels it is a hazard in the Newcomb Hall. We also discussed landscaping for the generator area. There will be a purchase of Cambros for the kitchen to keep food warm. **POLICIES** – Pets in Cars, Signing Waiver and Comfort/Service/Emotional Support animals. Tammy is working with Joe Colangelo on these policies that are being faced across the community. **STRATEGIC PLAN** – We recognize that we have to work on re-framing the name of the Senior Center. **ADVOCACY** – Mobile Integrated Health, there is no new movement with South Shore Hospital. DNR Documentation MOLST. (MOLST - Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. MOLST is an acronym for **Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment**. The MOLST Program is an initiative to facilitate end-of-life medical decision-making in New York State, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Ohio and Maryland, that involves use of the MOLST form) Tammy will revisit this topic with Chief Blanchard.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mattes

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Secretary

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