

COA MEETING January 18, 2022

Attendance: J. Cappe, I Eskett, J. Zienowicz, Meeting called to order by J. Cappe at 9:18 am

J. Zienowicz motioned to accept the December 2021 minutes J. Cappe seconded, all in favor.

New Business

Our new Social Services Coordinator, Janine Leis was officially welcomed and recognized by the COA. Janine brought the COA up to speed on her current status and what services she is able to offer which is basically everything except for SHINE/CAC which in the spring she will get the certification training for the SHINE/CAC, which includes Medicare and Medicaid. Also due to Covid, she cannot do home wellness checks to shut ins at this time and is not providing in house services to the Warren COA as of yet. She is currently making one on one appointments for a wide range of services with strict Covid protocols in place. We are looking forward to having Janine attend our next COA meeting in January 2022 to be a part of the vision statement process.

I.Eskett mentioned that there is a slide being shown on Ware Cable Access that shows Maire Brigid Bresnahan as the contact person for Social Services, J.Zienowicz will contact TV management to have the slide removed.

Covid update

Due to high positivity rate of Covid in Ware, the mask mandate is still in effect in the senior center, all programs require a mask to participate. No dining in meals, grab and go served in the parking lot, \$2.00 per meal.

Vision Planning

Discussion began on the Vision planning process for the Senior Center, setting an outline of 5-10 years. Four focus areas were agreed upon Outreach, Programming, Transportation, Facility. Handouts were distributed to the COA members and Janine that gave examples from four other COA's that had recently completed a similar process. What can we do to encourage more seniors to participate in our programs? How can we do things better and improve? Zienowicz gave an example like re-branding, changing the name of the building so we aren't just seen as a building for "old people". Eskett suggested surveying the Seniors of Ware and asking them what they want to see happen over the next ten years. This process will continue on for the foreseeable future as we try to map out the future of the Ware Senior Center.

Food Program

In December of 2021, the Friends of the Ware Seniors Inc. donated \$366.80 to the lunch program.

Meal cost	\$1,393.57
Received	<u>\$1,345.70</u>
Profit/loss	<u>-\$47.87</u>

Total served 761

Meals	1054.95
donation	6
Country Bank	0
Friends of Ware	366.8
Total received	1427.75
Total purchases	<u>3012.67</u>
Meals profit or loss	<u>-\$1,584.92</u>

Total Served 761

Van services

410 seniors got rides in November, 42 From the COA and 410 from the Quaboag Connector. Even though we provide rides for a suggested donation of \$1 per ride as is required by our participation in the Federal Title IIIB program. We took in \$56.50 in donations.

Comments and Concerns

J. Zienowicz mentioned that we should dedicate the next meeting to begin working on the framework for the Vision Plan for the Senior Center.

Chair Yoga will begin on Friday's from 1-2pm on January 14th with Laura Wickers. \$5 per class

Motion to adjourned by J. Zienowicz at 10:20 am and seconded by J. Cappe, all in favor.

Recorded by Julie Cappe

Next meeting January 18th at 9:00 am 2022.