

Ware COA March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: I.Eskett, C.Haigh, J. Zienowicz, S.K.Robinson, W. Lahair Sr.

Meeting called to order by I. Eskett at 9:30 AM. All in favor.

C. Haigh motioned to accept the February 2023 Minutes. S.k. Robinson seconded. All in favor.

S.K. Robinson commented on what a great success The Senior Resource Fair was, that was held on March 11,2023 at Cedarbook Village in Ware.

New Business: S.K Robinson did a great job completing our fax, copier sign and it is ready to post. W. Lahair Sr. motioned to accept S.K. Robinson's sign. J.Zienowicz seconded. All in favor.

GDGB outcome and Implementation: we are hoping to receive \$50,000.00 to be used over 2 year period. \$12,000.00 of the overall funding to be directed towards subsidizing the overhead costs of purchasing food items and material needed to provide lunches for one fiscal year. This additional revenue stream will allow us to lower the standard fee from \$3.50 to \$2.00 for one fiscal year allowing an approximate \$30.00 respite per senior each month for them to enjoy lunch and community socialization on a daily basis. \$3,000 will be used for one year to host a once a month Community Dinner held at the Ware Senior Center for all who wish to attend free of charge with no age restrictions.

\$10,000 of the overall funding to go to providing one senior, one year of home care assistance through a qualified home care service. The senior will be selected by The Social Services Coordinator of the Town of Ware based on several factors such as need, impact and quality of life.

\$ 15,000 of the overhaul funding will be directed to the purchase of 75 lock boxes to be distributed and installed by the Ware Fire Department based on a prioritized list of need generated the Social Service Coordinator of Ware.

Guest Handbook: next meeting, we will divide the Handbook into separate topics so we can each focus on a topic to complete the Handbook.

Lunch program: received \$1,569.70

Meal cost \$1,656.61

Profit/ loss -\$86.51

Total served 475

Van update: February 2023. Q.C provided 525.

Senior Van rides 95.

Social Services: Janine is working on preparing snap, mass health, social security, and fuel assistance applications.

Meeting adjourned by I.Eskett at 10:24 AM

J. Zienowicz seconded. All in favor

Next meeting April 18, 2023 9:00AM

Recorded by C. Haigh, Secretary.