

WAREHAM COUNCIL on AGING BOARD MEETING 1-5-23 48 Marion Rd RM 320

Meeting called to order by chair Jody Santagate at 10 AM

ROLL CALL: Jody Santagate, Sharon Frank, Sharon Boyer, Melissa Kauranen, Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre, Janet Wilson. Excused members: Nancy Sawyer and Marie Riley.

Guests attending: John Santagate, James Munise, Dorothy Casey, Gary Taylor, Carolyn Hynes, Robert White and Director Sharon Rice.

A MOMENT of SILENCE was observed for the sick and departed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: none.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR UPDATE: there is one new volunteer to the group.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: The Beacon newsletter distribution list needs to be adjusted to ensure the newsletters get out about town. It was suggested that we ask the volunteer coordinator to help and a notice for help will be put into the Beacon.

CHAIRMAN UPDATE: Jody suggested that name plates be put in front of each member at the board meetings and asked that we all review the open meeting laws. There are 2 All American Assisted Living employees that would like to join the board. Jody will communicate with them. Melissa Kauranen expressed some concerns about the ethics of serving and their employment connection.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: We have been given an \$8K grant from the MA Councils on Aging for marketing our council. There will be mailings to all seniors in town and an open house planned for spring. The kitchen will be locked in the future due to items going missing. Board members will have access for coffee times, but the public will not. A small refrigerator will be placed in the big room to store the breakfast sandwiches that are donated on Wednesdays. The cable connection is going to be moved to the gym TV. The movie group may be moved into the day care room in near future. A freezer and portable dishwasher are being considered for purchase.

SPECIAL MEETING ELECTIONS: A motion was made by Sharon Frank with a 2nd by Melissa Kauranen to do the elections at the February 2nd meeting. So moved.

OTHER BUSINESS: The minutes for the December 1st meeting were accepted with a motion from Sharon Frank and a 2nd by Melissa Kauranen. There was no definite decision made to have the Friends of the Wareham Elderly take over Bingo or add a 2nd Bingo. The revised by-laws are still pending.

ADJOURNMENT: a motion was made to adjourn by Melissa Kauranen with a 2nd by Sharon Boyer. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

NEXT MEETING: 1/17/23 at 11:15 AM

Janet V. Wilson
Clerk

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