

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DATE: October 1, 2015

TIME AND PLACE: 11:00 a.m.  
Room 208  
Multi-service Center

IN ATTENDANCE: Francine Balanca  
Corinne Baker  
Rosalie Bulu (excused at 11:45)  
Peter Dunlop  
Sharon Frank  
Judith Peterson  
Muriel Slaney

ABSENT: Nancy Sawyer

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Dunlop

Minutes of September 3, 2015 distributed

Announcements:

1. Ms. Slaney announced that Salerno's will be holding a fundraiser for the Band Shell Alliance, Inc. on October 9 for the purpose of raising funds to improve the Band Shell in Onset.

Citizen participation:

1. Several clients affiliated with the Day Program attended the meeting and questioned the use of the recent donations by the Tremont Nursing Home (\$600) and the fundraiser held by Salerno's (\$3000). They cited several programs they would like to see brought back to the COA including chair exercises, line dancing, exercise programs and art, and suggested that this money be used for that purpose.

Ms. Deborah Ramos, Director of the day program, informed the Board that the location they currently held their programs in was dangerous, as boxes are stored in that area with yellow caution tape surrounding the area. Member Slaney suggested cleaning out the former food pantry and store these boxes in that room. It was agreed that this could be done. Chairman Dunlop suggested that the Auditorium in Town Hall could also be used, as that was now a storage area. A representative from the Library informed the Board that they had several shelves available that could be used by the Day Program. It was agreed that the Day Program would accept these shelves.

Citizen Participation cont'd

2. A representative from the Wareham Free Library welcomed the seniors to the new collaboration between the COA and the Library. Chair Volleyball and the Community Café will be held at the Library beginning the first week in November and run through to the end of December on a trial basis. Chairman Dunlop expressed concern that the Day Center clients would find it difficult getting across to the Library for these activities. After discussion, Ms. Ramos agreed that it wouldn't be a problem.

3. A representative from the YWCA offered the seniors the opportunity to join their exercise programs at no charge and also suggested that they might collaborate on grant applications. Chairman Dunlop will work with the YWCA to discuss these possibilities.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Joining New Bedford for Senior Day Trips:

Discussion on joining New Bedford COA for day trips was put on hold until Ms. Sawyer would be in attendance, as she is currently in discussions with the representative from that organization.

2. Free Beacon Delivery:

Member Balanca stated her displeasure regarding delivering the Beacon free of postage charges and Member Slaney suggested that the Board should have been given the opportunity to vote on the matter. Discussion followed regarding insertion of envelopes and that it was not necessary to insert in every copy.

Other Topics:

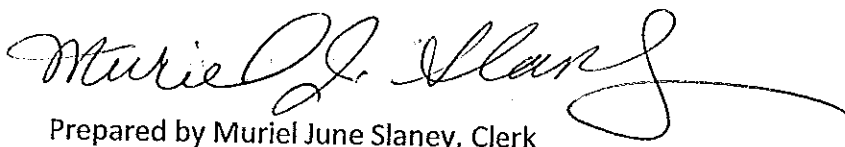
1. Ms. Balanca announced that Alan Johnson, a professional care giver, is available to do a presentation on Alzheimer's.

2. Ms. Balanca announced that the Church of the Good Shepherd has a list of volunteers that will do odd jobs for seniors. Rich Ellis is the contact person.

Consent Agenda: Minutes of September 3, 2015 accepted on a vote of 7-0

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Room 208, Multi-Service Center

Meeting adjourned on a vote of 7-0 at 12:12 p.m.



Prepared by Muriel June Slaney, Clerk