**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes May 9,2022, 10:30 a.m.**

**Members Present**: Chair Nancy Butler, Inez Murphy, Geri Cellini, Dottie Martel, Cindy Bloomquist

**Members Absent:** David Zeoli

**Friends of COA Present:** Geri Cellini, Helen Reynolds, Cindy Bloomquist.

**Guests Present**: Jean Pacheco, Colleen Thompson, Tally Carruthers, John Traynor.

**1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler

**2. Minutes:** April Minutesapproved as written.

**3. Reports:**

A. Administrative Assistant-Jean Pacheco

1. Food Pantry served: 40 people and 19 households.

2. Warrants paid: April $ 485.71.

B. Friends of COA reported $ 5389.11. There were only two snow plow reimbursements reported. Friends have prepared a raffle basket for the May 18th Parents Day Event.

C. Dottie Martel reported on OCES Dottie forwarded $24.00 to the friends from a Traveler’s trip. According to Dottie, OCES has looked into family members over the age of 18, not living in the same household, that can become paid physical assistants to the elderly. Fundraising for World Elder Abuse will begin June 15 with a march or run. August 21 will be a road race. All information can be found on OCES website. Dottie Martel is planning to retire from OCES board. The position needs to be filled and requires driving to Brockton.

D. Director’s report:

* 1. The Board of Assessors awarded Anne Sayles the Boston Post Cane on her 98th Birthday. The cane is awarded to the oldest resident of the town.
  2. Report from GATRA is that there are two people vying for the administrative position. Still a work in progress.
  3. An English teacher at Silver Lake High School wanted her students to learn how to properly write letters and thank you notes. Several students from Plympton wrote brief letters to seniors in town. The letters were being disbursed by the COA with the hope that the students would receive a letter in return.
  4. The May 18th Parents Day box lunch is set for 12:00, with entertainment by Dave & Marcia Burbank beginning at 12:45. A donation of $75.00 will be offered to OCES for the boxed lunches.
  5. Discussion regarding the piano in the COA office was brought to a resolution. Colleen Thompson was hoping to have the piano tuner from the church take a quick look at our piano. If it is deemed too expensive or too far gone, the consensus was to dispose of it.
  6. As of this meeting there are 6 people signed up for trip to the Blake Planetarium in Plymouth on June 1.

7. Yoga starts on Wednesday June 1 at 5p.m.-6p.m. This will be at the Old Town House.

**4.** **Updates and Discussions:**

**5.Next Board Meeting**: June 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

**6. Adjournment** 12:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.