**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes, March 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Inez Murphy

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

**Guests:** John Traynor, Brenda Traynor, Ann Reese, Linda Norrie

**Staff**  **Present:**  Colleen Thompson

**1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting at 10:35

**2. Minutes:** Februaryminutesapproved as written.

**3. Reports**

1. COA Report - read by Colleen Thompson.
   1. Warrants: $234.70
   2. Pantry served 29 people, 18 households.
2. Friends of COA – By Helen Reynolds and Cindy Bloomquist. There is $ 5944.62 in the bank account. The Friends closed the account at Santander Bank and opened a new account at Rockland Trust. Cindy Bloomquist updated the paperwork to re-establish the Friends’ non-profit status.
3. OCES Reports - Dottie Martel
4. Meetings will no longer be held through Zoom. Attendance will be required in Brockton.
5. Volunteer appreciation month is in the month of April.

D. Director’s report - Colleen Thompson

1. Our primary transportation driver Jim Mustacaros will return in one more week. Thank you to Jackie Freitas for helping out.
2. COA MedBus drivers must be certified, particularly Jim Mustacaros. CT will likely seek certification also.
3. In regard to the February newsletters, several people have not received their copy yet. CT will follow up with the post office.

4. **Updates and Discussion**

1. March 29th Soup and Sandwich Event at the church with entertainment by Bill Alberti. Sub Sandwiches will be ordered from Walmart. Cindy Bloomquist will make stuffed pepper soup; Geri Cellini will prepare a Vegetarian Soup; and Nancy Butler will make her famous corn chowder. A dessert tray will be provided by the Silver Lake culinary class.
2. Chair hip hop will be held on June 19th.
3. A visit to the bird sanctuary in Manomet is in the planning stages. The visit to the Hornstra Farms was dropped since they are not set up to accommodate seniors.
4. The donations from Stop & Shop and Panera have been skimpy. We will revisit this issue next month to see if it is worth the time and effort to pick it up.
5. The Annual Report was read and approved as written
6. Shannon Maxwell is moving to Mississippi and has asked us to remember to reach out for those who may need rides to events.
7. Here is a reminder for upcoming “Travelers’ Trips”. See Dottie Martel for further information:
   * May 10th Spirit of Boston which includes food and entertainment. Bus leaves from Halifax mobile homes @ 10a.m. Reservations must be made by April 30th. Price for this event is $139.00 pp.
   * June 20th Whites of Westport which includes transport, a buffet and a stop at Christmas Tree Shop. Bus leaves from Halifax mobile homes @ 9:45 a.m. Cost is $90 pp.
   * Turkey train to Meredith, N.H. A turkey meal with all the trimmings will be served on the train. There will be a stop at the Moulton Farms. Bus will leave from Halifax mobile homes @ 8:30 a.m. The cost is $117.00 pp.

5. **Next meeting** is scheduled for April 10, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.