

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
Minutes January 9th 2023
10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chair, Nancy Butler, Cindy Bloomquist, Geri Cellini

Members Absent: Dottie Martel, Inez Murphy

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

Guests: John and Brenda Traynor, Shannon Maxwell and Mary Jane Ferguson

Staff Present : Colleen Thompson

1. Opening: Chair Nancy Butler

2. Minutes: November 21, 2022 minutes approved as written.

3. Reports:

A. Administrative Assistant: COA reports read by Colleen Thompson. Assistant Jean Pacheco is recovering from a foot injury and will be back on January 10, 2023.

November: Warrants \$302.00; Pantry served 52 people, 25 households

December: Warrants: \$413.96; Pantry served 43 people, 21 households

B. Friends of COA reported \$ 5894.32. The raffle from the Christmas party earned \$133.00 and expenses were \$65.00

C. OCES Reports: No report

D. Director's report: Colleen Thompson

1. Our Christmas party at the Upland Club was a success. Over fifty people attended, and the entertainment, food and raffles were well received.

2. We have signed with Gatra. Jim Mustacaros' salary should be partially reimbursed by them. Dial A- Ride will be starting in July, assuming Gatra hires drivers.

3. A discussion of bigger trips was brought o the table. Whale watching was one option.

4. Upcoming Events:

A. A talk by Trevor-Lloyd Evans "The birds of Eastern Massachusetts will be held on Feb 3rd. Snacks will be provided by the Friends.

B. March 29th we will be hosting a soup and sandwich meal at the church with entertainment.

C. April: undecided

D. May: Luncheon and perhaps a white elephant table.

E. August 9th: Entertainment by Dave and Marcia Burbank.

F. September/October: National Pie Day???

G. December: Working on a possible Upland Club date for a Christmas party. Guest Shannon Maxwell suggested that everyone bring food for the pantry.

E. John Traynor BOS report: John spoke briefly about the dump sticker schedule and provided written explanation of the PAYT program. More to follow.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Feb. 13, 2023.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.

