**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes for May 8, 2023, 10:35 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

**Guests:** Tally Carruthers

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

**1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Minutes:** April minutes were not read.

**3. Reports:**

A. Business and Director’s Report: Colleen Thompson

* 1. Warrants: $178.20
  2. Pantry served 28 people, 18 households.
  3. It was unanimous to halt the movie showings for the summer. A robocall will be sent. Colleen will speak to librarian Mike Slawson re licensing to be able to announce the movies being shown.
  4. The Candidate Forum will be held on Saturday May 13th between Incumbent Selectman Mark Russo and challenger Gary Somero
  5. COA Director Colleen Thompson will be the moderator.
  6. The budget was touched upon for FY 2024.
  7. On May 31st, we will host a luncheon at the church. Some members will provide salads, while sandwiches will be purchased at Walmart. Colleen will check with the high school re dessert. We will have a treasure shop (White elephant table) and Steve Lanzilotta will provide the entertainment.

1. Friends of COA: Cindy Bloomquist $ 5,673.15 in the account.
2. OCES Reports: Dottie Martel The Old Colony Elder Services will be holding fundraisers for Elder Abuse Awareness. The first one will be at the Brockton Rox stadium in Brockton on June 15th. The second will be held at the Tavern on the Wharf in Plymouth.

**4. Other Updates and Discussion**

1. Capt. John Sjostedt is planning a field trip to Miles Standish in mid June. We will visit fire towers and other facilities and enjoy a cookout. Date to follow.
2. Reminder of upcoming Traveler’s trips. See Dottie Martel for additional information  
   1. June 20th Whites of Westport. Cost is $90 pp.
3. October 24th Turkey Train to Meredith, N.H. Cost is $117.00.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Nancy Butler at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini, transcribed by COA staff.