**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes for August 14, 2023, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Dottie Martel

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

**Guests:** None

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

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

**2. Minutes:**  July minutes were approved as written

**3. Reports:**

A. Business and Director’s Report: Colleen Thompson

* 1. Warrants: $231.72
  2. Pantry served 34 people, 22 households.
  3. GATRA bus service will begin on September 1, 2023. You must call to register and make an appoint.
  4. Some TRIAD issues were discussed. The possibility of joining with Halifax TRIAD was raised. More to follow.
  5. Our Annual Summer Cookout was held at the Upland Club on August 9th. We were treated to grilled chicken, potato salad, buttered corn and beverages. The COA provided ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Entertainment was provided by Aidan Keene who performed songs of the 50s and 60s. Aidan’s voice and music choice were a special treat, and we hope to have him return next year!
  6. The Autumn Luncheon will be at the church on October 4th . We will serve mac & cheese, salad, and a variety of homemade pies. We hope to encourage people to bring a friend. Entertainment will be provided by Dave and Marcia Burbank.
  7. The Holiday Event will be held at the Upland Club. We will ask people to bring something for the pantry. Entertainment is yet to be determined. We have contacted the Halifax Senior Singers but may also pursue a sing-a-long entertainer.

1. Friends of COA: Cindy Bloomquist reported $ 5,851.79 in the account. The cookout raffles garnered $180, less $43 for expenses.
2. OCES Reports: No report this month.

**4. Other Updates and Discussion:**  None this month

**5.** **Next Meeting:** Day Change for September: *Tuesday*, September 12, 2023 to accommodate CT’s jury duty.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini, transcribed by COA staff.