



APPROVED 1/23/2023

Town of Newbury Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Date: December 19, 2022

Members in attendance: Bill DiMaio, Chuck Bear, Damon Jespersen, Susan Grillo, John Ferrara

Other attendees: Cindy Currier

Motion to open the meeting made by Damon Jespersen, seconded by Chuck Bear. No discussion. Unanimously passed.

Introduction of John Ferrara.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Minutes of October 17, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Chuck Bear; seconded by Damon Jespersen; unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Minutes of November 21, 2022 meeting. Motion made by Damon Jespersen; seconded by Chuck Bear; unanimously approved.

Chair Report: Bill DiMaio

Chairperson commented on a very successful Christmas luncheon. Excellent job by Cindy, Kathy, Janet, Joyce, and volunteers.

Director's Report:

- Holiday party @ PITA Hall 12/14 – 60 seniors; catering by Starboard Galley (turkey dinner); live musicians; Santa and Mrs. Claus (passed out cookies from Buttermilk Bakery); A OK! students; dessert cart; centerpieces (person with the non-red and white candy cane in their stocking took that home); 6 door prizes. Sent photos to Dave Rogers @ NDN – hoping they are in the paper.
- Delvena Theatre Company – a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* today at 1pm.
- Regular programs are going well:
 - Yoga
 - Stretch and Strength
 - Knitting/Crocheting drop-in group
 - Bingo
 - Watercolor class
 - Weekly van trips on Tuesdays
- Traveling Chef – Wednesday, 1/4 @ 12pm. Menu: clam or corn chowder in a bread bowl; garden salad, and a brownie. Reservations required. A lot of great feedback about the two we have had so far.

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- Volunteer Training – Thursday, 1/12 @ 10am. ALL volunteers are encouraged to attend. If you are a volunteer and cannot make it, please let Janet DelMare know. We will be working on an additional date to offer this presentation.
- Game night in January – Tuesday, 1/24 4:30-6:30pm.
- Animal World Experience – Monday, 1/30 @ 1pm.
- Hoping to offer a TaxAide day at Newbury COA – depends on # of volunteers the program gets. If interested in becoming a volunteer, I put the contact info in the newsletter. We will put more info in the next newsletter if we can schedule a day in Newbury.
- NEET is always looking for more volunteer drivers. Boston rides are the hardest to get but often rides to Newburyport are a challenge.
- Van procurement: bids were opened last Thursday. One bidder: Creative Bus Sales in Hudson, NH. Will send an award letter and then will be told expected delivery date. Additional options: rack for walkers; air purification system; suspension upgrade. Also looking into wrapping the van (instead of having one stripe down the middle); to have our name and phone # in several locations.
- Closed to the public on Thursday, 12/22
- Offices closed: Monday, 12/26; Monday, 1/2; Monday, 1/16

New Business:

Bill set an expectation that 2023 will be a year of recruitment. Challenge to increase COA program participation.

Executive Session: None

Establish January 23, 2023 at 9:00am for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Damon Jespersen; seconded by Susan Grillo; approved unanimously.