



EASTHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

COA Board Meeting 7/27/2023

COA Board Chair Joan Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

COA Board Members Present: Paula Bruns, Carol DiBona, Beverly Hobbs, Joan Lockhart, Linda Reed, Richard Trimble, Pat Turiello

FECO Board Members Present: Suzanne Barnhart, Terry Hendrix, Joanne Irish, Pat Lariviere

COA Staff Present: Dorothy Burrirt, Monica Keefe-Hess

Minutes from the June 2023 meeting to be approved on August 24, 2023.

Directors Report:

- Dorothy reported an increase in units of service and individuals served across programs for the month of June 2023 compared to June of 2022.
- Dorothy provided an update on the Family Table Collaborative meal distribution. FTC will provide additional meals on Thursdays to be distributed along with our regular meal deliveries. This will provide those individuals with two days of meals. The Grab and Go program will remain in place.
- Dorothy reviewed the FY24 Town of Eastham COA budget which includes an increase in funding. The additional funds will help to cover the cost of printing five issues of the newsletter.
- Joan Lockhart asked if there should be funds allocated in FY24 budget for a part-time transportation coordinator. Dorothy explained that the transportation funds were used for salary increases for current drivers. Dorothy suggested forming a budget committee for the FY25 budget process.

Chairperson's Report:

- Joan announced that Pat Turiello is moving from Eastham and will be leaving the board. She thanked Pat for all the work she has done these past few years from strategic planning to the survey and transportation.
- Joan noted that she has some candidates interested in filling the vacant board position. She requested to form an interview committee for the position. The committee will be comprised of four current members, Carol DiBona, Linda Reed, Joan Lockhart and Richard Trimble.

Committee Reports:

Elder Services

- Carol DiBona reported that Elder Services is requesting support to obtain sponsorship from business owners. They are losing some federal emergency funding and are facing a deficit. Carol indicated that she does not feel comfortable solicitating businesses on their behalf.

Volunteers

- Pat Lariviere announced that Jane Burrirt and Mary Jane Eckel will be taking on the responsibility of managing the Thrift Store.

FECOIA Updates

- Terry Hendrix reviewed the preliminary FY24 budget for the FECOA. A vibrant discussion ensued around how we could reduce the budget to get it out of the red. Exercise classes were identified as the biggest contributor to the budget deficit.
- Rich Trimble made a motion to charge for exercise classes. Paula Bruns made a motion to amend it to state we begin by charging for HIIT classes with \$5 per class for residents and \$10 per class for non-residents utilizing a punch card system. Carol DiBona seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Linda Reed made a second motion stating that when a participant purchases their first punch card, they sign a liability waiver in order to participate in the exercise class. Pat Turiello seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Dorothy discussed publicizing the change in fees in September/October issue of the Newsletter to subsidize the cost of program in order to expand our offerings. She suggested implementing the change beginning October 1st.
- Dorothy introduced the Your Way Home Grant line item in the budget to review its sustainability. The Your Way Home Grant was first introduced to remove a barrier for those patients reluctant to seek emergency transport to the hospital due to find or pay for a ride home. Pat Turiello made a motion to hold a discussion on the program citing that the hospital has an obligation to provide a safe ride home for patients. After much discussion around where the onus lies for ensuring safe transport home Joan made a motion to phase out the program. Linda Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.
- Carol DiBona made a motion to accept the FECOA budget for requested expenditures with approved revisions. Pat Turiello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Trimble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 pm. Linda Reed seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next board meeting will be in the Earle Mountain Room at the Town Hall on Thursday, August 24th at 9:30 am.

Respectfully,

Monica Keefe-Hess