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Rehoboth Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
@ Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center
Minutes of June 27, 2018

- 1) **Call to order**---7:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Charlene Cunha, Dr. Bruce Thayer, Neal Harrington, Ron Whittemore, Dr. Robert Lambe, Linda Sherman
Members Excused--- Sue Laverdiere, Mary Beth Moriarty
Guests Present--- Kim Robens
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**---May 14th 2018 minutes -Ron W. 1st motioned, Neal H. 2nd the motion. Dr. Robert Lambe approved.
- 5) **Presentations**--- None
- 6) **Expense Report**---Ron W. stated that Gifts and Bequests accounts spreadsheet looks great. Dr. Lambe approved the spreadsheets. Ron W. 1st motioned and Dr. Thayer 2nd motioned. C.O.A. Budget Reports April and March 2018- Dr. Lambe asked if pay adjustment for Linda Sherman went through. She stated yes- as of July 1st 2018 her salary will be at the \$55,000 which was agreed upon by the Town. Dr. Lambe also asked if request for same paid Holidays as Town Hall Administrators been resolved yet. Linda stated no, she still has to follow the Personnel Policy at this time because she has no contract. Linda stated that she wants to wait on this particular request until her pay adjustment has gone through completely. She does want to pursue this paid Holiday issue at a later time. Dr. Lambe asked if there were any additional comments on the C.O.A. Budget Reports. Ron W. pointed out additional mileage expenses from Brad. Ron wanted to make a quick comment and commended Brad for making home visits for our local Seniors in need of S.H.I.N.E. /Outreach Services who are home bound and not able to physically come to the Senior Center in person to see him. Dr. Lambe motioned to approve Budget Reports. March 2018 approved- Ron W. 1st and Neal H. 2nd motioned. April 2018 approved- Ron 1st and Neal 2nd motioned. My Senior Report--Dr. Thayer asked Linda if all the Seniors check in when they come to the Center, and Linda stated no- not all do. Ron W. noticed that there are ALL age groups that come to our Senior Center, not just Seniors. Ron W. also asked if My Senior software program also shows disabilities, as well as other important information. Linda stated that Brad will enter in any disabilities the Senior may have when he meets with new clients and also, there is an option on their application as well, which is entered in the My Senior system by Linda or Kim.
- 7) **Director's Report**--- Volunteer Luncheon: April 12th, Bill did all the cooking for this special day. Kalifornia Karl: came on April 25th. Town Core Session: May 10th. Elder Dental Info Session: May 14th- this Senior outreach program went very well. The person who presented is a Dental Hygienist based out of the Attleboro area. She helps make dental care more accessible to our Seniors in this area. Beckwith Intergenerational Lunch: May 21st the Fire Dept. paid for the bus transportation of the students to come here at the Senior Center to play their music for our Seniors. Ladies Work Detail: May 30th, assembled the rack for the kitchen freezer and also helped clean. We usually get about 6 prisoner ladies that come, but they are down about 40% in the prison system and only 2 ladies came this time. Ron W. said the kitchen freezer looks fantastic. Linda said that it is so much more organized and is much easier to work with. Kalifornia Karl: came again to entertain our seniors on June 6th. Dueling Pianos: June 11th sponsored by Wingate Nursing Centers. D-R Leos: they came and weeded our garden. They will come again to keep up with the numerous weeds we get! Senator Paul Feeney: June 25th came here at the C.O.A. Conference Room for an hour, to meet with any Seniors who had any questions or concerns. Linda spoke with Sen. Feeney for a bit and said he was really nice. He was really impressed with our Senior Center. Ron W. asked if Sen. Feeney was well received- Linda

7. Director's report cont. ----

said that one person did come to meet with him. Usually, no one comes to speak with them. Ron W. did let Sen. Feeney know that the funding that we received prior for our new Heating/Boiler system was greatly appreciated and was used right away as soon as we received it, it was not just sitting in an account not being used. Ron W. mentioned that we (along with Representative Howitt), are currently working on getting more funding of maybe \$20,000 to help with repair costs of our HVAC system as well. Until Help Arrives: July 11th Colonel Gavigan from the Bristol Sheriff's Dept. will be coming to do a presentation here at the C.O.A. Ron W. asked Linda if this was informational for what to do in an emergency situation at home until help arrives like leaving the front door open for emergency personnel. Linda said yes- like basic first aid and other things to do that you would not think of in an emergency situation.

8) Old Business--- Senior Center HVAC controls update- We now have 15 all new temperature sensors to integrate the building temperature. Ron W. stated that the control handlers for the variation of temperatures still need to be fixed it is still too warm in the kitchen. It will work for a bit then it will shut off. It will run *cool* air but not cold air. Ron W. did email Mr. Button to let him know. There is also duct work that would be involved as well. There is a gap between the duct work and the subfloor in the ceiling there is no fan to let the air outside, because of this we do not have the proper air flow in the building. Municipal buildings are required to have more air flow than a typical house. Our building is not even close to what it should be. Duct work, temperature balance contractors need to be here at the same time to work together to get it done properly. We do need to fix this issue before winter. We also need to have a carpenter come to fix the attic sheetrock insulation above the ladies bathroom as well because it is falling apart. Ron will try and get an itemized list to show what has to be done.

9) New Business--- Prop. 2 ½ override discussion- Dr. Lambe if there was anything to discuss. There was nothing to discuss at this time. Neal H. mentioned that there will be a standard Selectmen Meeting for the public here at the C.O.A. on July 19th. Linda stated that our C.O.A. Hallway Display case glass was shattered at the School Committee meeting that was held here. 2 people got cut from the glass. Helen and Frank have been informed. It is recommended that we get tempered glass/ plexiglass to replace it after July 1st.

10) B.E.S.I. Report--- Dr. Thayer- There is a new person in charge over at Bristol Elder Affairs. , 2 of the B.E.S.I. Nurses recently got a \$5,000 Grant to do a study for "Fall Prevention". The Nurses picked out a selective group of 25 people to do an in depth comprehensive evaluation. They then did an education session for the same group after. Ron W. asked if this was a "Pilot Program" and Dr. Thayer said yes it was and went very well and hopefully this program will continue. Dr. Thayer also wanted to discuss the "Dementia Friendliness" Program in the Fall River area. Certain restaurants and businesses have what is called a "Purple Table"—This is a nationally recognized agency, which assigns a special section/table for people with Dementia. Employees of these particular businesses are 'sensitivity trained' to help these customers. This Agency is also trying to promote Hairdresser businesses as well in this area to participate.

11) Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report--- None

12) Correspondence--- Thank you notes from Sturdy, Gert and Ron W. for Roadside cleanup. Neal H. asked about the 'Farmers Market' location here near the C.O.A. Linda will be meeting with the person who is in charge of the Farmers Market for our area. B.E.S.I. will be giving them out soon. This is a MA State funded program and requirements are needed to qualify. We only receive 20 of these coupons for our Rehoboth area. Neal H. stated that the Selectmen did not want Farmers Market too close to the old School next door due to construction, etc., would be safer to have closer to our C.O.A. building.

13) C.O.A. Building Usage--- *#1 Rehoboth Senior Club* bizarre Oct. 18-Oct. 20, 2018- approved, *#2 Rehoboth Senior Club* meetings 1st+ 3rd Thurs. of each mth. for July 2018-June 2019- approved, *#3 Best Yet to Come* meetings 2nd Thurs. each mth. Meetings Sept. 2018- June 2019- approved, *#4 Rehoboth Animal Advocates* meetings 2nd Sat. of each mth. July 2018- June 2019- approved, *#5 Economic Development Comm.* 3rd Wed. of each mth. July 2018- June 2019- approved, *#6 Rehoboth Animal Advocates* Oct. 12-13, 2018- approved.

14) Open Forum--- None

15) Adjournment--- All in favor- Ron W. 1st and Neal H. 2nd motioned. Ended at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Robens- Secretary

Approved by:



Dr. Robert Lambe
C.O.A. Board President

Next COA Board Meeting to be scheduled – to be determined