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**Rehoboth Council on Aging**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**@ Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center**  
**Minutes of May 24, 2017**

- 1) **Call to order**---7:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Members Present**--- Neal Harrington, Ronald Whittemore, Dr. Robert Lambe, MaryBeth Moriarty, Sue Laverdiere, Charlene Cunha and Linda Sherman  
**Members Excused**--- Bob McKim  
**Guests Present**---Dot Conlow, Dr. Bruce Thayer, and Kim Robens
- 4) **Review past months meeting minutes**--- Oct. 19, 2016 Regular minutes- slight revisions needed- revise Charlene Cunha as absent, not present. Kim R. will revise and send to Dr. Lambe for approval at a later date. MaryBeth M. 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Sue L. 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned. Dec. 21, 2016 and March 22, 2016- slight revisions needed. Linda S. will revise and send to Dr. Lambe for approval at later date. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Sue L. 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.
- 5) **Presentations**--- None
- 6) **Expense Report**---The C.O.A. Accounting Budget looked good for MARCH 2017. Sue L. 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Ron W. 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned. C.O.A. Accounts Spreadsheet Report looked good. Sue L. asked about the Formula Grant F.Y. 16-17 payment that came in March. Linda S. stated that we did receive and did not go over budget thus far for the current Fiscal Year. Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Charlene C. 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.
- 7) **Director's Report**---Linda S. stated that the "Sewing Ladies" Group went to Sturdy's Annual Volunteer Luncheon this year representing the C.O.A. for all their hard work on their pillow cases for the sick. The Ladies are still continuing making pillowcases and blankets for Sturdy. Exercise classes are doing well. A new Yoga class for Core Strength will start in the fall of this year. The same instructor who teaches our current Chair Yoga class will be teaching this new class as well. This new class will be funded through Formula Grant. T.R.I.A.D. Safety Event was a big success. Wingate provided entertainment at Soup's On. Marion Manor provides \$Tree B.I.N.G.O. on our monthly Tasty Thursdays. Chris from Personal Best came in during one of the lunches here for the Seniors. Our C.O.A. Annual Volunteer Luncheon was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and went very well. Jason Hillman performed here on May 1<sup>st</sup> for our Seniors which was sponsored by The Rehoboth Cultural Council. The Rehoboth Cultural Council also gave a grant for much needed art supplies for our very popular weekly "Painting Class" instructed by Michelle Mozzone. We had a Cricut Class demonstration after Gert's Café recently. Our own kitchen volunteer here, Cheryl Tait, received a "Community Service Award" on May 10<sup>th</sup> which was sponsored by our local "Rehoboth Lions Club". Our Annual Mother's Day Tea was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Ladies loved it and was a big success. Linda Sherman also wanted to mention that when she was out sick this past March- Everyone helped out here at the C.O.A. and she greatly appreciated it.
- 8) **Old Business**---Job pay adjustments were approved by the Town Selectmen and the Town Finance Committee. Linda Sherman did a survey on all the surrounding C.O.A. Senior Centers near the Rehoboth area and what their job positions were being paid. Linda presented all of her research for comparable pay scales which were much higher than Rehoboth's C.O.A.
- 9) **New Business**---C.O.A. Board Member Term Dates- Sue L. has a correction on her contact phone number. We will contact Town Hall and let them know. Ron W. spoke about 3 thermostats in our building that are currently in the process of evaluation. Heat is coming out in certain areas of the building when the A/C is turned on. These are not working properly and we will need to hire someone and have them evaluate this. The "Gifts and Bequests" account will need to be used to help pay for this expense. Neal H mentioned that this will help us in the long run. We should have everything running efficiently so no new problems will happen in the future with our new heating equipment we just had replaced this past winter.

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**9. New Business cont.** —Ron W. had a question on the My Senior census reports. He stated that Jan-Apr 2017 had very low census numbers. Linda S. will look into this issue and see if there is another option for us to gather our data from in this 'My Senior' program.

**10) B.E.S.I. Report—None**

**11) Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly Report—**MaryBeth Moriarty wanted to mention that more recruits are needed for help. They help our local Seniors with Life Line services, fuel assistance and also with food. Linda S. stated that Friends of the Rehoboth is VERY important for our C.O.A. Center. Sue L. stated that we are much more active than we were 10 years ago and funds are vital! Due to Federal Budget Cuts, our Seniors may need more assistance. Ron W. suggested that maybe they could recruit new members during Café hours or even during Wed. Breakfast time when it is very busy. Mary Beth M. also suggested advertising on 'Rehoboth Talk', she also mentioned that they currently meet on Monday mornings but would be flexible with meeting schedules- maybe even offer evening times.

**12) Correspondence—**Thank you letter from Sturdy Hospital for our donated pillowcases and baby blankets from the "Sewing Ladies" group.

**13) C.O.A. Building Usage—None**

**14) Open Forum—** Neal H. wanted to mention that there will be a 'Special Town Election' vote on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the C.O.A. Board Members asked and agreed upon maybe sending/emailing monthly budget reports/spreadsheets to them for current updates and keep them informed.

**15) Adjournment—**7:56p.m. - Dr. Lambe motioned to adjourn meeting- Ron W. 1<sup>st</sup> motioned and Neal H. 2<sup>nd</sup> motioned.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Kimberly Robens- Secretary*

Approved by:



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

*Next COA Board Meeting to be scheduled – to be determined*