

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Council of Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
June 5th, 2018
Rose Baker Senior Center
6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930

Board members present: Chairperson: Jay Gustafarro; Selma Bell; Roseanne Cody; Fred Cowan; Susan Goodall; Rosalie Nicastro; Barry McKay; and Bob Quinn; Senior Center Director: Lucy Sheehan. Absent: Karin Carrol, Valerie Gilman; Hank Camille; and Mike Hale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Quinn to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2018. **Seconded** by Mr. McKay.

OLD BUSINESS

SALAD BAR UPDATE- *Mr. Cowan* stated the grant came through for the salad bar. He asked if the salad bar was now open four days. *Ms. Sheehan* responded that it is only open three days. *Mr. Cowan* stated that there will be a fourth day with soup because the funding has come through. A member stated a Food Market is held in other senior centers, *Ms. Sheehan* stated that a Senior Mobile Food Market is held at the Rose Baker Senior Center on the last Friday of every month. She stated that she attended a Nutrition Program meeting the Executive Office of Elder Affairs held in Danvers, and heard there are other food program options that we did not know were available, and was concerned if any of the options could be used in Gloucester. *Ms. Nicastro* stated that she is willing to come in and give a training on food safety to volunteers. *Ms. Cody* stated that she is still not receiving a newsletter.

FORMULA GRANT- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she received a letter from Mass Councils on Aging and they are waiting for the House, Ways and Needs Budget completion, before \$11 per senior this year is announced. She stated she believes the budget will not allow \$12 per senior until maybe next fiscal year. She stated that she has not itemized the FY19 Formula Grant budget as yet, but would increase the Assistant Social Worker's salary by \$1/hr, as it has been the same salary for the past two years.

SHRED TRUCK- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that the shredding truck was at the Senior Center on April 28 and it was a great success. She stated that they had about 200 cars go through. *Mr. McKay* stated that this program was in partnership with AARP.

SSU INTERN- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that an intern from Salem State University is seeking grant fund sources for van drivers.

VAN DRIVERS- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that they are still looking for drivers for the Senior Center van. She stated that 4 driver volunteers are waiting for training. Discussion ensued about grants and funds available for the Senior Center.

SUPPORTED DAY CARE- *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that the Supported Day Care Program last day will be June 29, 2018. The board discussed the Supported Day Program and the use of space in the Senior Center. *Ms. Sheehan* stated the room will be helpful and utilized for programming needs. The board discussed the efforts that Chrissy Parker has made over the past 24 years.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

BOCCE- *Ms. Goodall* stated that there is a league that plays bocce on the North Shore and there are courts on the Boulevard. She asked if there has been any update regarding the Bocce group. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she put it in the newsletter but she has not had any feedback yet.

MOTION by Ms. Cody to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Quinn. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned – 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by

Jay Gustafarro, Chairperson