

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Council of Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
January 9th, 2018
Rose Baker Senior Center
6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930

Board members present: Fred Cowan; Selma Bell; Rosalie Nicasastro; Roseanne Cody; Val Gilman; Barry McKay; and Bob Quinn. Senior Center Coordinator: Lucy Sheehan. Absent: Chairperson: Jay Gustaferro; Susan Goodall; Hank Camille and Mike Hale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Quinn to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2017 with amendment to Ms. Gilman's and Ms. Nicasastro's attendance, as well as correction to Meal Program. **Seconded** by Mr. McKay. Ms. Gilman and Mrs. Nicasastro **abstained**.

OLD BUSINESS

MEAL PROGRAM- *Ms. Cody* stated that she went to see Reverend Rona from the Trinity Church and Mary Jane McGlennon at the Grace Center regarding providing meals for seniors at the Senior Center or to take over the Meals on Wheels Program. She stated that they were both wonderful but unfortunately at this time because their program is so new they could not commit to supplying meals everyday on a regular basis. She stated that the Grace Center is open 8-4 every day. She stated that they are hoping to hire a chef in the future and if that happens then they may be able to offer assistance. Reverend Rona suggested that they look into the hospital for assistance. The board discussed the meals program, funding/fundraising for the program, and the lack of seniors that are eating the SeniorCare Nutrition Program meals.

FORMULA GRANT- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that they did not receive the \$11.00 per person from the Formula Grant but they did receive \$9.70 per person. She stated that when she did the budget she predicted that they would get the \$11.00 so she is working with the City on the difference.

NEW BUSINESS

OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS- *Ms. Sheehan* stated they are starting a new outreach program for veterans and it will mainly focus on housing. *Mr. Cowan* asked if there were many seniors who lost their cars in the flood during the storm. *Ms. Gilman* stated that the Mayor Office is working with people who lost cars in the flood. *Mr. Cowan* suggested they contact a auto dealer that could bring 15 cars for people to choose from.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

GENERATOR- *Mr. Cowan* asked about the generator for the Senior Center. He stated that he met with City Administrators and they told him that the generator is half paid for. He stated that they discussed that the Senior Center should not be called an emergency "shelter" when the generator is up and running. *Ms. Gilman* stated that she is still interested in promoting the Good

Neighbor Program in her Ward. The board discussed emergency policies and items such as generators in the City.

VAN- *Ms. Cody* asked if the van was being used for the Senior Center. *Ms. Sheehan* responded that they have used the van several times but have not used it recently mainly because of the lack of drivers.

SUPPORTED DAY CARE- *Ms. Cody* asked if the Supported Day Program was going to continue. *Ms. Sheehan* responded that at the present time, the program continues with 1 -2 or-3 clients.

PAINTING- *Ms. Cody* stated she feels the senior center is blah and that she would like to paint the front wall in bright colors, maybe purple, etc.. *Mr. Cowan* stated that he would go with her to discuss the project with the DPW.

PARKING STICKERS FOR SENIORS- *Ms. Gilman* stated that she would like to see seniors have free parking at meters after snow storms. She stated that she will bring the issue before City Council.

MOTION by Ms. Gilman to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. McKay. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned – 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by

Fred Cowan, Vice-Chairperson