

Holland Council on Aging Meeting

Holland Community Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting April 9, 2024

Online Go To Meeting called to order at: 10:24 A.M. by John Senseman, Vice Chairperson

Board members in attendance: John Senseman, Vice Chairperson; Susanne Hilbert, Secretary; Robin Wilson, Treasurer; Robin Cournoyer, Celeste Brackett, Loretta Mosher. Absent: Linda Racine, Chairperson. Other: Brenda Palmer, Center Director.

Secretary's Report

Motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes by: Robin Cournoyer

Second by: Robin Wilson

All Members Approved.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting by: Loretta Mosher

Second by: Robin Cournoyer

All Members Approved.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Robin discussed invoices. Everything should be all set.

Director's Report

Brenda has been busy. Amanda is coming today from Senator's office, and Stacy getting together to discuss van.

Brenda discussed raise approval protocol.

Brenda will be speaking at the Symposium.

Brenda has hired a person to handle activities at the Center.

Outreach Report

The Outreach position is going through changes. Anna Randall sent out notice about revisions based on product and activities, with a cap of \$10,000. Stacy mentioned going to Town about possible issues. A grant may be available.

Brenda is going to You, Inc. in Southbridge to talk about the Big Blue Binder with grandparents.

Brenda is working on Formula Grant and other grants; Brenda attended a 6 hour training showing how to write grants effectively.

Old Business

Holland Helpers

Brenda is meeting with Stacy about the need for Holland Helpers to be able to transport seniors. This needs to be addressed by Stacy with the Town's lawyer. Liability for drivers, and other questions need to be addressed, including releases to be signed.

GSSSI

The last meeting was about grants. Robin Cournoyer had asked if grants could be used for legal advice, different supplies for programs, transportation, etc.

April's "Ask the Nurse" event is coming up. Brenda suggested lunchtime for these presentations to increase attendance and to be called "Lunch and Learn". Robin mentioned subjects for future nurse events, including one on First Aid.

Brown Bag

Per Brenda, Brown Bag is going well, with about 35 people using the program.

New Business

Director's Requests and Outreach Requests: No requests at this time.

Date for June COA Meeting to be changed to June 4, to be voted on next month.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Robin Wilson.

Second by Loretta Mosher.

All approved.

Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Next COA Meeting on May 14, 2024