

Hampden Council on Aging – February 11, 2020

In attendance: Marty Jacque, Ed Norman, Becky Moriarty, Cliff Bombard, Deb Mahoney, Suzanna Haskins, Monique Downey, Nancy Willoughby and John Shay

Meeting called to order by Deb at 8:42 AM

Meeting minutes for January, 2020 read and accepted.

Treasurer report accepted.

Director's report and indicated that there were 20 people on the waiting list for the Tax Preparation schedule. The main reason is that there are less tax volunteers from the AARP to do the taxes. People are being referred to other locations to take care of the waiting list. This has always been a popular service at the center and has always book quickly. The directors report was accepted.

Becky indicated that Outreach programs that are underutilized are going to highlighted in the Scribe on a monthly basis. The March highlight will be the Nutrition program. There will also be a new non-perishable pantry for people who are on the SNAP program. Things such as napkins, soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, etc., will be available for people on the SNAP. These are the items that are not included in the monthly brown bag program.

She also indicated that the program for people requiring the fuel assistance program has been very busy.

Activities: There will be a Valentines luncheon on February 13th. All dates for the dinner dances have been finalized. Nan is having a new art showing for the Hampden Artisans. Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, the Clerk of Courts, will be coming to the Senior Center on March 31st.

GSSSI: John Shay gave an update as to what is happening at the Greater Springfield Senior Services meetings.

Becky that the budget will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on February 24th and that she has requested a 2½% increase for staff and the building fund.

The COA Board will be getting new packets which will contain the Guide for Elder Affairs from the MA Executive Office, The Town of Hampden Council on Aging Board Member Responsibilities, the Mission Statement, the By-Laws for the Hampden Council on Aging and a list of the members of the Council on Aging.

Deb has received most of the Board Self-Evaluation forms and discussed the results. It was decided that the form for the Directors Evaluation would be the 360 degree evaluation form from Blue Avocado. It was also decided that there would be no staff input for the Director's evaluation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 AM

Respectfully submitted

Marty Jacque