

COA advisory board meeting

January 8, 2024 12:33 p.m.

Secretary Report

Meeting adjourned 2:02 p.m.

Present: Keirsen Broman, Terry ^{Donovan} Andrews, Jane Sutton, Gate Girard, Norma MacDonald

Minutes from December 4, 2023 signed and approved

Old business:

The idea of the Chester COA buying a van was discussed again. FRTA services are not reliable. But the cost to insure, and maintain a van and hire a driver would be too expensive. The older van that the COA had has been out of service for approximately four years and is parked at the town garage. That older van needs to be removed and scrapped. The wheel chair lift doesn't work and the gas tank is leaking.

Marge Laurie's position on the COA advisory board was discussed. Being that she has missed three consecutive meetings Keirsen is going to reach out to her and ask if she will be coming back and attend the board meetings

New business:

The fee for the foot clinic is increasing to \$25 from \$20. It was suggested that the foot clinic money be a separate line item in the COA budget

There will be two movie events in January

Pot luck will be on the 17th with a speaker from 12 to 1 to speak about reverse mortgages

Terry suggested posting the monthly COA activities in the Country Journal.

It was mentioned that maybe the Chester COA could meet with other local COA to see how they are functioning with activities and events

Terry Donovan has received some COA surveys. People have responded with suggestions of movies, field trips to museums etc

Keirsen Broman said attendance at the yoga classes has really taken off

What is the status of the lock boxes? Maybe we should advertise this service explaining the details

Also it was mentioned to contact town Attorney for contract liability

Maybe fire chief Henry Fristik or police chief Jen Dubiel could put the information in the Country Journal

Explaining how the lock box program works and see why people haven't shown interest?

Michelle Keney is applying for a grant for a new computer and phone tech support for the COA.

COA needs a new printer. It was suggested to check with Staples.

Keirsen Broman and Steve Ragizio have scheduled their serve safe class on January 24, 2024

It was suggested that the COA have an open house with a BBQ in the spring a notice of this event would need to be put in the Country Journal

Jane Sutton said she will speak with the Library board members to see if the COA could join with them and share activities as a way to get the COA some exposure to the town residents as to what the COA is and does i.e. health clinics, pot luck, holiday parties, movies etc. Tammy the town librarian her husband is a musician maybe he could provide some entertainment at a COA function ?

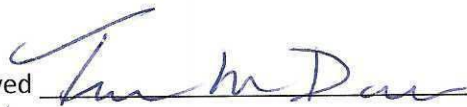
COA volunteer assistant review? It will be advertised with a deadline of January 23, 202~~3~~⁴. The part time position would be for eight (8) hours a week paying fifteen (15) dollars an hour. The money would be paid from the formula grant money.

The Cornerstone Church is closing and has offered the building to the town. Jason Fogue the building inspector met with Keirsen Broman, Andy Sutton, Jane Sutton and Terry Donovan on January 6, 202~~3~~⁴. Jason said the church would be able to be used by the COA for events and meals etc. He didn't see any issues with the building. The septic system would have to be inspected as it is shared with another property. This offer to accept the donation of the church to the town will have to be voted on and decided by the residents.

The septic system would have to be inspected as it is currently being shared with another property.

The next COA advisory board meeting is scheduled for February 5th 2024 at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes approved



Date

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