

TOWN OF PRINCETON
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
12:15 P.M.
PRINCETON SENIOR CENTER, 206 WORCESTER ROAD

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Barbara Guthrie, Wendy Pape, Susan Stolberg,
Terry Thompson, Michael Warren
DIRECTOR: Aimee Kindorf
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Nicole Boardman
ADVISORY MEMBER: William Andrysick
UNABLE TO ATTEND: COUNCIL MEMBER: Jane Fife, Beverly Kohlstrom

Minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

MYSENIORCENTER software was demonstrated by representative, Chris Hamilton. The software is a web based system and is capable of tracking a wide variety of information and reports. The record keeping capability is very helpful in providing statistical information for grant writing as well as quantifying unmet needs. It also will allow mailing lists to be kept current.

The four level s of pricing were:

- \$7,500 for the total package (touch screen)with no ads
- \$4,500 for the total package (touch screen) with advertisements. After the first year the cost is \$1,200/annually
- \$2,500 for hand held scanner or phone app (no touch screen). After the first year the cost is \$890/annually. (This package includes key tags)
- \$1,200 for the basic package. Includes just the software (no scanner or key tags). After the first year the cost is \$790/annually

The cost to upgrade is just the difference between the original cost of the package chosen and the cost of the upgrade package.

The software program is 14 years old and gets upgraded on a monthly basis at no extra charge.

CONGREGATE MEALS. Attendees are averaging about 10/week. Volunteers have been assisting in the meal serving. Aimee is hoping to set up a schedule whereby the program is run by volunteers with minimal assistance from staff. Response to the quality of the meals has been positive.

Not much interest has been shown in the breakfast offerings. It was agreed to continue to offer nonperishable items such as breakfast bars but discontinue items that are perishable such as yogurt.

THE SENIOR BBQ will be held on Tuesday, September 10th in place of the congregate meal. Fidelity Bank has agreed to sponsor the event again this year and will do the grill cooking. Entertainment by the "Hip Swayers" will be provided. Aimee requested assistance from the Board to shop for the event on Monday, September 9th.

It was noted that Open Door Real Estate had expressed interest in sponsoring a future COA event.

TRANSPORTATION. In conversations with MART (out of Fitchburg) and the WRTA which sponsors the Elderbus system out of Southbridge, it has been determined that Princeton is in the WRTA service area. Princeton would have to partition MART to have its service area changed. The other factor is that neither service will provide transportation to locations outside their service area.

It was agreed to ask representatives from the WRTA/Elderbus system to meet with the Board at our October meeting to gather more information about our options with the WRTA system (i.e. WRTA provides a van to Princeton COA etc.) In the meantime, Mike Warren will attend the September Elderbus meeting

The other issue is that the COA has no idea of what the unmet transportation needs may be for people living in Princeton.

Other options are to find volunteers who might be interested in transporting individuals in their personal vehicles and to talk to neighboring COA's as to how transportation is handled in their particular towns.

Aimee will make a list of transportation concerns that can be addressed at the October meeting.

PROGRAMMING AND FALL CALENDAR. Aimee distributed a listing of the program schedule of reoccurring activities for September.

Aimee's work schedule moving forward is: Monday & Tuesdays 8:30-3:00 and Thursday, 8:30-12:30.

Nicole's work schedule moving forward is: Tuesday, 8:30-2:00 and Wednesday, 8:30-12:30.

OTHER BUSINESS: The September, 2019 Board Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 4th, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.