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Board / Committee: **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Meeting Date: November 9, 2023 Time: 5:35pm

Meeting Location: Norton Senior Center

Members & Staff Present: Ruth Schneider, Kathy Eno, Pat Zwicker, Carol Kollett, Maryann Dempsey, Lori Dombrowski, Ellen Martins, Tom Golota, Mike Sweeney

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Tom, seconded by Maryann to accept the October minutes. Unanimous vote to approve.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Ellen, seconded by Tom to accept the report. Unanimous vote to approve.

**Old Business:** Volunteer Lunch on October 18 went very well.

The COA Board was asked to attend the Select Board meeting on October 19 to explain why we feel the work senior needs to be in name of new Center. 5 members attended. The Select Board voted to name the new Center Nelson Senior & Community Center.

The Select Board was not available for the presentation originally planned for our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ruth felt with everything going on now with open enrollment, it was best to postpone the meeting with the Select Board until later.

**Friends of the Norton Senior Center:** Bill reported that the Encore Casino went great. The later time leaving went well. He said they are discussing a possible Saturday for the next trip in the Spring.

**Building Committee:** Bob Briscoe not present, but Beth reported that the new building is really coming along. Target date for completion is end of May or June.

**Director's Report:** Beth reported that things at the Center are exceptionally busy with open enrollment and fuel assistance program. Open enrollment runs to December 15. Names of seniors and veterans are being taken for Thanksgiving meals in conjunction with St. Vincent D Paul at St. Mary's church. Also, names are being taken for Thanksgiving Family Baskets which will be delivered just before Thanksgiving. The needs of Norton residents has really increased. Beth, as Human Services Director, has been very busy providing help to residents of all ages.

Programs continue to be very busy. Timmy Brown will provide a concert at the Center on November 15. Lunch and Learn on November 9 with speaker from Elder Legal Services, a service provided to seniors. Beth has written a grant to help fund the CAR transportation program. She has also written a grant for food to support the Lunch and Learn Program, which is very popular, and a grant for another farmer's market here at the Center. Next week we will be getting 2 interns from SE Tech school on Tuesday & Thursday to help here at the Center.

Motion to adjourn by Maryann, seconded by Lori. Unanimous vote to approve.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Patricia Zwickler

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 1/9/24

Chairman Signature: Ruth Schneider