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The Norton Council on Aging meeting was held on December 13, 2012 at the Norton Senior Center. Those in attendance were Tom Burke, Joann DeCosta, Betty Fogarty, Yolanda Lague, Judy Letourneau, Natalie Lima, Ruth Schneide and Abby Wheeler.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

The Secretary Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report - grant money finally came which was \$12,000+ something. This is half of it.

It was noted that there is a grant the cable company gives out each year up to \$30,000. Last year the Library got it for \$15,000. The Town Manager was called to ask if we could apply for this in our own name. He said yes. We are looking to get a van to be able to take seniors to grocery stores or other places.

We also need to get a large function room attached to this building. Joann read our

Mission Statement and our purpose and goal.

There is a vehicle available from the Worcester area we can look into.

There is another grant, the Keeping Hands Nine grant which has a budget of \$25,000 which we will look into.

There was discussion about Zumba Gold and Chair Yoga. The COA started these programs but the Friends Group took it over so they could fund it but now want to cancel the programs because they are losing money. The COA wants to keep them because they bring the people to the Senior Center. Motion was made to take back the Chair Yoga and Zumba Gold to be under the COA. This was voted and decided.

Line dancing on Friday mornings will be started

and will be under the COTB.

In reading the By-Laws of the Friend, the COTB should appoint 5 people as Directors of the Board of the Friends. The COTB will recommend and the Friends will approve of them or not.

The 5 people are Alice Janelle, Beverly Flattery, Helen Parentau, Tom DeLuca and Cathy End. There was a motion to recommend the 5 people as Directors to the Friend Group. This was voted and seconded.

Old Business:

The furnace was not working. Butch Rele was called, then an electrician. It is now working.

New Business:

The Daggett Comodell Nursing Home brought in cookies on Bingo Day. They asked if Ruth could send a thank you. She will do this.

Bristol Elders have pizzas we could get for free. 8 pizzas per box + \$ boxes ^{we ordered}. They have to be picked up in W Bridgewater.

Friends meetings:

Dec 17th - Mon 12:30p mtg - w/ \$0.50 raffle, game singing Christmas carols, refreshments

Jan 14th - Mon. Luncheon - chicken soup/sandwiches, dessert, games, raffles

Jan 16 - trip to Fort Worden \$7.00 p/person

Jan 28 - 12:30p Friends mtg -

On a Monday ^{in general} there will be a pizza party with John Russo doing karaoke.

Ford certification will be up in April so

Betty & Judy ~~will~~ will need to be recertified.

Conflict of interest needs to be addressed again.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm - Respectfully ^{sent out} Joan DeCosta, Chair

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