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The Norton Council on Aging meeting was held on December 12, 2013 and called to order by Chairperson Ruth Schneider at 3:10 pm. Those in attendance were Tom Budke, Joan DeCosta, Kathryn Eno, Judy Leroux, Tim O'Connell and Ruth Schneider. Also present were Judy Bushie and Tom Deluca. The Secretary Report was read, accepted and recorded. No Treasurer Report as Betty was absent. The Chairman's Report noted there was no quorum last month.

Old Business:

The Christmas lunch will be held on Dec. 20 with sandwiches, chips and cake. Scratch tickets will be bought and given to each attendee. There will be entertainment provided by Epoch. Douglas Weeks will do a Christmas program. His partner is Pat Perry.

The newsletter has been printed and put in for \$455.89 for the bill for postage for this time but we also got a bill for the time before when there was a mess. We had said we were not paying the postage but we were asked to reconsider as it did go out. Ruth said we would discuss this again. It was voted and recorded to pay this past postage.

New Business:

Ruth requested that we get gift cards against this year for the volunteers. Tom said he would donate a few Duncan Donuts card for this.

Back to Old Business at the meeting with no quorum it was decided to lower the cost of chair yoga, zumba gold and line dancing to \$2.00. This was discussed. This was also put in the newsletter.

New Business:

Thank you notes were sent to the Bristol County Sheriff's office and also to Daggett-Grandall & Affordable Housing. Ruth asked for suggestions for programs. The Veterans Agent was coming but had to cancel so will rebook this for March or April. Someone suggestion is to be put in the newsletter "Are you tired of eating alone? Bring your lunch to the H/Ctr. Come join us for a surprise dessert." Could have one on Monday and have a movie but should have a description of movie. Should also mention we have Dial A Ride to take people to appointments and other things. Also have 2 men willing to do this.

Also mentioned to put in letter was the Food Bank opened twice a month, 1st & 3rd Thursday from 4:30-6:30 back at Town Hall. Only requirement is to live in Northampton.

The position of Director for the Senior Center was discussed. It is not known where in the union this position should be placed but will be put where it was originally. Needs to be posted for 30 days and this should be done this week. Ruth has a survey from the State, read questions to get help for the answers. This was discussed.

Tom Deluca explained the grant budget and our expenses were discussed.

Ruth thanked Tom Deluca for doing the sign in front.

A male breakfast was suggested, not necessarily at the H/Ctr but at a restaurant for a cheaper price.

Ruth noted our Senior Center statistics showed our volunteers accumulated \$30,800 in man hours for the Town free.

A luncheon for Valentine's Day was discussed serving shepherd's pie.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2014 at 3:00 pm. There being no further business we adjourned at 4:12 pm. *Respectfully submitted - Ruth*

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