

COMBINED MEETING OF THE COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FRIENDS OF THE
COA BOARD Minutes January 8, 2024

Present: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, C. DeLorey, R. Graham, M. James, H. Soones, F. Zephyr, G. Koelsch, A. McCormack, H. Beasley

Excused: C. Reichenberg, P. Beckner

Minutes of December 4, 2023 approved

Treasurer's Report as of 11/30/23 = \$8,829.28 – approved

Director's Report: P. Beckner, G. Koelsch and A. McCormack are now full Board members and H. Beasley is an alternate, all members must check their Board expiration dates, 2 unexplained absences will require a resignation, late for 4 or more meetings will automatically require a resignation, snow policy matches the school policy, the new dental program is full for January (if the patient is covered by MassHealth there is no charge, all others must pay \$50.00 cash), Activity Assistant apps have been received and a decision should be made this week, 90 people attended the New Years Eve party, volunteer packet is being created, the newsletter will increase by one page for advertising, exercise instructors are being advertised for and the response has been good (this is one of the suggestions from the Needs Assessment), AARP has designated Brockton as age friendly, changes to the building on Fr Kenney Way are moving along on schedule

Michelle's report: tax assistance appointments are filled through February, Planning for Medicare info meeting will be held 1/9/24 at the COA for anyone turning 65, Art from the Heart will be at the Enso Gallery on Jan 13, 2024, BAT transportation is free until May 31, 2024

Christina's report given by Michelle: Many recurring activities are listed in the newsletter. Pet Pantry for anyone over 60 will be the last Friday of the month (please call ahead for what you require), BINGO is back on the last Fri of the month at 1030

Lauren's report: senior property tax work off for 30 people who will be notified soon, MassHealth is changing but most people will remain on the list

Ruth's report: fuel assistance is finished, SNAP going well but only receive about \$23.00 per month

Next meeting: February 5, 2024