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MINUTES FOR COA BOARD APRIL 14, 2005 Approved May 12, 2005

Present: Florence Alexander, Ilene Charles, Gregory Howe, Brunetta Wolfman, Valerie Carrano (Director),
Friends: Marge Perry, Vern Wilson
Absent: Gerry Brennan, Kay Vogt

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Brunetta Wolfman. There was no public comment, so the floor was turned over to Ilene Charles who introduced Greg Ryan from the Cape Cod Phone Center at the Hyannis Cape Cod Mall. Mr. Ryan showed examples of the different types of phones available and described the features of the Massachusetts program which is available to income eligible elderly people who have hearing or sight handicaps. There was lively discussion and appreciation expressed to Mr. Ryan and Ilene for taking the initiative for the presentation.

The MINUTES of March 10 were approved with the following changes: 3rd bullet under Director's report, The Director could not reach him; 2nd bullet under Friends-Total ...is \$1,166.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 17 at noon in the Dining Room. Valerie needs the names of all volunteers by Tuesday, April 19.

There will be an Open House on May 9 from 9a.m.-11a.m. with tours and food for visitors. This will be in recognition of National Senior Center Week.

The deadline for submission of nominees for Senior Citizen of the Year is May 6. Nominators should submit a written statement with a short bio of the nominee.

Days has not contacted the Director about the stove.
At this point, Valerie left as she was not feeling well.

FRIENDS OF THE COA Vern Wilson reported that \$265 had been collected for cookbook sales. An additional \$183 had been sent in for the Annual Appeal for a total of \$5,488. \$200 was collected for pillow rental at Town Meeting. Expenditures during the month were: \$360.00 for education, and \$218 for events.

SALT Greg Howe reported that the local Council is applying for a 5 year re-certification from the National Sheriffs Association. There has been a problem readjusting NEXTEL phones. Anyone who wants to donate a cell phone should give to Greg Howe or to Sergeant Carrie Benjamin. Greg hopes that the Council will meld with Truro in October.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board will have elections on May 12 and Bake Sale on May 28. The letter from Chief Mayer on the Firehouse use was read and filed with Florence Alexander. The Board talked about trying to get a flat bed truck from Winkler for the July 4 parade. Brunetta Wolfman said that she would contact him

The Board concluded that the Year Rounders Festival was a success financially and being represented. The raffle was well received and brought in money so should be repeated next year. The fudge was a big success too, and Gerry Brennan will be asked to thank the company which donated the fudge.

The Board decided that the Town Meeting Preview was very good, and Ruth Gilbert, Chair of the Finance Committee added to the discussion. The Chair of the Finance Committee should be asked next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Materials from the Kaiser Family Foundation regarding elderly concerns were circulated along with information on the effects of the Bush Administration on the Massachusetts social services.

Brunetta Wolfman explained that the Elder Services By-Laws require a representative from each local COA serve on the ESCI Board. She asked the Board to appoint someone to represent the COA since she will not be on the COA Board after December and the Board should have a representative who could report back and speak for the Board. The item will be on the May Board agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brunetta R. Wolfman
Secretary pro-tem