

**Northampton Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes APPROVED
4/11/19**

At the Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton

Present: Gerriann Butler, Kathie Bredin, Casey Fowler, Dennis Helmus, Cynthia Langley, Donna Park, Kathy Pekala Service, Kim Park.

Excused: Deborah Epstein, Michael Ford, Mary Lastowski, Jeanne Henry Hoose, Marie Westburg

Absent: Mark NeJame

Call to Order

- Gerriann Butler called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

Public Session – There was one person from the public present to observe.

Review and approval of minutes from the previous meeting

- A motion was made by Cindy Langley and seconded by Donna Park to approve the 2/14/19 minutes as written. The minutes were approved as written by 6 members and 1 abstention.

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- A motion was made by Cindy Langley and seconded by Kathie Bredin, to approve the 3/14/19 minutes as written. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Announcements: Michele Dihlmann announced three events coming up and handed out flyers for them. They were the Health & Safety Fair, the Blood Drive, and the Rainbow Luncheon.

Old Business

1. **Increasing COA member visibility, introduction of members through Chronicle articles, mechanisms for public feedback:** Cindy Langley has interviewed all but one of the COA members - Donna Park. Marie told Cindy she still has time to interview Donna.

New Business

1. **Council Meetings being posted on the Community TV:** Kim will be checking on video of the COA Meetings on Northampton Community TV and why are they not being posted.

2. **Assistant Director's Report:**

1. **Volunteer Recruitment:** 135 volunteers clocked 16521 hours last year. We had a great volunteer

luncheon celebration yesterday. **2.** We need reception and dispatch volunteers. Special Event volunteers are needed. **3.** Focus Group is making progress and giving feedback. **4. Update on Programs:** 104 people have attended movies in the month of March. The Cooking Classes are a success. Canasta is a new card group. LGBTQ Rainbow Luncheon will be 4/24. It will be monthly after that. Western MA Pollinators' meeting is Wednesday, 4/24 at 6pm. Tomorrow is Arts Night out. The Health & Safety Fair is May 9th. There will be a Blood Drive in the Activity Room for the Health & Safety Fair. We may postpone the COA meeting to the following week. Gerriann will advise. Northampton Age/Friendly event will be Tuesday, April 23rd at 1pm. When you come to the Council meeting, please sign yourself in.

3. Director's Report: Marie is at a training today and unable to attend this meeting.

Other Business

1. Gerriann Butler will send date of next meeting after she talks to Marie.
2. Chronicle information - send it to Marie or Kim.

Adjourning the meeting

Kathy Service made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cindy Langley seconded it at 4:20 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Next NCOA Council Meeting:** Thursday, May 9th, 2019, at 3:30 at the Northampton Senior Center unless you hear from Gerriann Butler.

Respectfully submitted by _____
Linda R. DeMercurio