

**Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2023
Acushnet Council on Aging
59 ½ South Main Street
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Present: Linda Guilbeault, chairperson, Dan Smith, Paulette Hudson, Pauline Teixeira, Joan Howland and Heather Chew, Director.

Excused: Jerry Bergeron.

Absent: Deborah Raposo

A motion to begin the meeting was made by Paulette Hudson and seconded by Pauline Teixeira. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Mail: None

Minutes of the November 9th, 2022 and the December 14th, 2022 were accepted as read and approved.

Old Business:

Senior Tax Work-off update: Three individuals are currently working in the program with two (2) having almost completed their hours and one (1) new person currently being onboard.

Thank you to Linda Guilbeault and Paulette Hudson for providing building coverage for the Greater New Bedford Garden Club's Annual Christmas Tea.

New Business:

Heather introduced Jennifer Ledo, the new Outreach Coordinator. She started with the COA in late 2022 and she is very helpful to her clients.

She helps them with PACE and fuel assistance and whatever they may need. Jennifer is a welcome addition to our staff.

Heather reviewed our attendance statistics from 01/01/2022 to 12/30/2022 which showed an increase of unduplicated services. Our in Town attendance was 247 and our Out of Town attendance was 540. The age range was from 55 years old to 85 years old.

Cultural Council Grant Program is funding a workshop on Monday, March 29th, 2023 entitled: Carving out our history. We wish to thank the Cultural Council for the funding.

Southcoast Health/Trauma Department collaborative program is sponsoring Fall Prevention. It will be held on Monday January 23rd, 2023.

Paulette Hudson will be stepping down from the recording secretary position which she has held for 17 years.

We wish to thank the Acushnet EMS who were attending to James Leandre after a tragic bicycle accident in front of the ACOA. They were both kind and considerate of those around them.

As there was no further business a motion was made by Paulette Hudson to adjourn. This was seconded by Pauline Teixeira.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paulette Hudson".

Paulette Hudson