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Belmont Council on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes
May, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm in the conference room at the Beech Street Center by the chair, Mike Cahalane. Other members present were M. Scali, J. Staton, P. Schafer, Chao-Qiang Lai, E. Hamann, J. Singler and C. Bunyon. Also present was Nava Niv-Vogel, COA Director. Board members T. Olson, J. Semuels and T. Dukas were unable to attend the meeting.

Senior Citizens' Concerns:

Mario Rathle, Belmont resident since 1967, spoke and explained his need for Tai Chi classes for his heart problem. He was unable to attend all classes in a given session. His request was to be able to attend all classes he had missed, in a different session. It was explained to him the necessity to attend the classes in order to achieve good results. We explained and offered him transportation services if needed. Nava explained the policy and that we couldn't have people dropping in at will. He thanked the committee for listening to his concerns.

2. The minutes from the previous monthly meeting were reviewed, corrected and accepted.
3. Nava had a few announcements.
 1. Deena had given her notice. It was suggested that her job description be updated.
 2. COA has been given an increase in state money. Hopefully we can fund a summer part-time social worker.
 3. Belmont Manor Nursing Home may add an assisted living facility to their property.
 4. Nava discussed the lack of cleaning in the restrooms, that is why a full time custodian is needed. The chairman, Mike Calahane will write a letter to Gerry Boyle, Director of Facilities
 5. Friends Board – no report Nava reports June 16th Fashion Show fund raiser
 6. Springwell – no report
 7. Sign up with Nava to help out May 16- Town Day
 8. COA meeting moved to Tuesday, June 2nd because of Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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