

TYPE OF MEETING MINUTES: Monthly
DATE OF MEETING: Oct. 16th, 2023
PLACE OF MEETING: Dennis Memorial Library
TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.



MEMBER ATTENDEES: Marilyn Rose Guarino, Bonnie Chiantera, Anne Thomas,
Carol Miller, Wes Blair, Susan Harrington & Cindy, Mary Hastings,
Brian Hastings, Rebecca Blair, Amy Usowski, Bob Shyllberg

BY ZOOM: Jeff Idels

GUESTS: Carol Rull (New), Stephanie Sykes (New),

SPEAKER: No speaker for this meeting. Next month, we will have a speaker from Rock Harbor

Amy presided over the meeting due to Jeff's absence.

1. Everyone introduced themselves to the group.
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion – Amy 2nd – Anne Vote: unanimous
3. MOTION was made to accept Anne Thomas as the Outer Cape Regional Coordinator
Motion – Amy 2nd - Rebecca Vote: unanimous
4. Visitation Sites
 - a. Alzheimer Support Center located in the Cape Cod Mall is a new visitation site. Visitations will be once a month on Monday (a.m.) and Friday (p.m.)
 - b. Eastham Library – in progress to set up regular Saturday visits
 - c. Wellfleet Senior Center – 1st visitation went well as it was after a Veteran's program
The second session only two participants showed up
 - d. Brewster Senior Center – cancelled for October and November
5. Marilyn reported on new Lily House facility
 - a. Designed for cancer patients to stay with their families
 - b. Families can stay until loved one passes
 - c. Future plans include establishing 2 more houses
 - d. If a family would like a dog to visit, Lily House rep will call to set it up
 - e. Dawn Walsh is the coordinator to contact us
6. Recent and Upcoming Events:
 - a. Barks & Brews – We collected just a small amount for The Sampson Fund. Talked to a few potential members with dogs but none are certified as of now
 - b. Upcoming → Turnip Festival at the Eastham Library
 - c. Christmas Friday night in Harwich – set up next to Santa
 - d. Other Possible events (maybe next year?):
 - (1). Cape Kid meals in Chartham
 - (2). “Hot Diggity” at Mashpee Commons
 - (3). Octoberfest in Chatham
 - (4). Dennis Halloween Event → Country Gardens – dress up dogs and offer a photo shoot for dogs.
7. Motion to adjourn made by Amy, 2nd Wes Vote: Unanimous 7:35

Respectfully submitted,
Mary & Brian Hastings
Secretaries