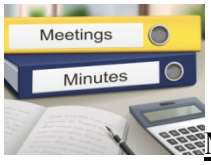
BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS – March 18, 2026

and Refreshments served from 6:30, President Karen Wyman called meeting to order at 6:53 PM. with approximately 45 in attendance. A hearty welcome was extended to all including new members and visitors. **HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS**: President Wyman announced that t there was a KAMS Cooking Demo to take place on March 27th. Dine-out tonight is scheduled for April 29th at Albertos Restaurant. Charlie will pass clipboard around for those interested to sign up. Each person will pay $55 and BNC will subsidize $5 per person. The $55 includes tip, and tax. If you are interested in attending Cotuit for the Performing Arts play, "Sister Act", please let Priscilla know. The date is May 16th which is a Saturday night at 7:30 PM. Priscilla noted a new group is I the works where they attend shows at various venues but no one has volunteered to lead yet. It will be entitled "Arts and Entertainment". Karen read article Bette wrote on the coming of the Wall that Heals in September and if anyone knows of a Viet Nam veteran that has passed away due to Agent Orange exposure in the Viet Nam theatre, please let her know. Their names can be submitted after filling out forms and being approved by the "Inmemory" board to be placed on the Moving Wall. Bette Silva will deliver any donations to the Veterans food pantry in Hyannis that BNC members bring to the March and April meeting. We will need volunteers for hospitality for April and May meetings. She would need someone to sign up for the next meeting to chair Hospitality for March and April meetings. Holiday Dinner could accommodate up to 50 guests at Tugboat's. Payment must be received by December 1st if you are interested in attending. The play "Newsies" will be held at Cotuit for the Performing Arts. On Deceember 19th. There are 35 tickets on a first come first serve basis. We are having a holiday drive for Veterans' Pantry. Bring items to any BNC event between now and December 15th. There will be a comedy presentation at the Barnstable Comedy Club entitled "Don't Be Late for Dinner." January 18th is Matinee. You will have to purchase tickets on your own but Karen will be there with Pete. This would be done on a monthly basis. Bette gave brief presentation on "Wreaths Across America" and what they were about and how members could contribute to purchase wreaths for the warriors buried at the National Cemetery in Bourne.



MINUTES of November meeting have been approved..... Motion made to accept and seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer reported that we are solvent and a motion was made to approve and second with all in favor.

SPEAKER: - Heather Wilson was introduced as a speaker on AI. She noted that she is both terrified and a lover of AI. Alexa, GPS, Netflix recommendations. AI answers questions and remembers things you previously talked about. It can read patterns and predicts answers. AI chat bots talk to us. Main Chat bots are Claude – focuses on safety; Gemini integrates with Google; Copilot integrates with Microsoft. Heather indicated she used Chat GPT to determine problem with code on her washing machine saving her repair costs. Notebook is useful for students. It will search the web for references podcasts at incredible speed. AI as a health research partner – do not blindly trust everything. AI can be used as a financial learning partner Also for planning trips, weekly menus and event planning. A link was provided knowdoresources.com

50/50 Raffle held.

Adjournment. Motion was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Silva, Recording Secretary.