

## Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2021

In attendance: Maureen Callahan, Bob Powell, Heidi Whear, Judee Cyr, Kathy Keiser, Marilyn Cassidy, Gina Bush, Neal Duffy (Selectman rep.).

Minutes of December meeting reviewed and accepted.

- I. Old Business
  - A. Holiday Go was a success with a delicious catered meal and Santa giving out \$15 gift cards to Market Basket, donated by The Friends.
  - B. Bulk Mailing has begun with 800 copies of the Compass being mailed to our data base.
  - C. Anchor Food Pantry is still awaiting a decision on location.
  
- II. New Business
  - A. Previous week's count of Covid in Swampscott was 85 people but now up to 668.
  - B. There has been a second exposure at the Center. Thus they have cut back to 2 deliveries per week but with enough food for the entire week.
    1. January 29 will be the last day of our deliveries as it will go over to Glss and the 29 seniors still on our list.
  - C. Vaccinations...Gina is trying to stay involved in the plans but no definite plans yet.
  - D. Capital Improvements
    1. Working on getting a new kitchen, Gina has been working with an architect and will then meet with the facilities director. Sean has asked Lori Erlich for help. Neal is communicating with Sean.
  - E. Virtual Wine Tasting will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> with Myer Gosslin.
  - F. Senior Programming will be shared with local COAs and will be used on our cable channels. Other sharing is in the pipeline.
  - G. Virtual Pen Pals would work from our Zoom Room if we can generate interest. Technology is being prepared.
  - H. Fuel Assistance and Tax Preparation
    1. Tax Preparation will be available for 4 Fridays with ½ hour appointments over the phone for residents only.
    2. Applications for fuel assistance are available along with assistance in preparing them.
  - I. The foot doctor will be here on 1/14 by appointment.
  - J. Seamstress service is available by appointment.
  - K. New exercise classes and some new instructors are being taped.
  - L. Shoveling program had a few kinks in the last storm, mainly transportation. The use of our van is under consideration.

M. Heidi did a presentation of Seaglass Village which is made up of Swampscott and Marblehead and is a network of volunteers with a mission of helping people to stay in their homes. It is a membership organization with 350 in the country and 28 in Massachusetts either active or in formation.

1. Volunteer services are core to the group with primary concerns being homeowner issues, transportation and sociability.
2. It is formed using a business model of fund raising, Cori and scholarship.
3. Membership fees are as follows:

a. Individual	\$ 360
b. Household	540
c. Supporter	120
d. Membership assistance	60
e. Volunteers	0

4. The website is [seaglassvillage.org](http://seaglassvillage.org)

N. Heidi also explained the Dementia Training Program

1. They would like the 1 hour on line training to be for at least 80% of the town employees...hoping to have it set up for 4 times. The main message is empathy and understanding..

Meeting adjourned 9:30

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn L Cassidy*