

SWAMPSCOTT COA BOARD MEETING

October 12, 2021

In attendance: Barbara DiPietro, Deb Newman, Kathee Keiser, Carol Montero (guest) ,Molly Rowe, Maureen Callahan, Marilyn Cassidy, Heidi Whear, Sonja Nathan

- I. Minutes of 9/21/2021 were reviewed and accepted.
- II. Sonja Nathan, our new Program and Volunteer Manager, introduced herself and her background, which included working with seniors and being responsible for events and volunteers.
- III. Carol Montero introduced herself and gave her background. She is interested in joining the board.
- IV. Progress in reopening is slow but steady . 43 new members joined last month. We have some new classes and Sonia is working at reactivating the men's group by forming an advisory committee of men.
- V. Covid and health matters
 - A. There was one flu clinic at the Temple, to which the vans were used to transport our seniors and one at the Senior Center. Unfortunately, there was minimal advertising.
 - B. Spacing and masks are still being used at the Center.
- VI. Lunches
 - A. Our relationship with GLSS: Helen was being paid by GLSS. She is now working as a volunteer.
 - B. For now lunches are being served on Tuesday and Wednesday. Heidi continues to talk with the high school about some type of collaboration. Richard, the present cook, is looking for a volunteer for 2 days a week and Deb has volunteered to cook on Wednesdays and Friday.s
- VII. Talk Around Town series started with the new school and was videotaped by Joe Dulette. The 1st and 3rd Thursdays will be the taping series and Will Dowd will be the facilitator and ask prewritten questions. One of the upcoming topics will be the Shine Program.
- VIII. Swampscott for All Ages
 - A. Some of the different domains are revising their action plans.
 - B. The opening of The Seaglass Village will be Friday at the First Church Congregational on Monument Ave.
- IX. Senator Hynes and 3 other senators met here with Sean to tour the Center and the High School. They talked with seniors and also the library heads.They were looking for information with regard to collaboration between high schools and seniors and multigenerational programs.
- X. A short discussion about the time of the COA meetings resulted in a change of meeting time from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 AM

Next meeting 11/9/2021, 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn L. Cassidy.