

Swampscott COA Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021

In Attendance: Barbara DiPietro, Deb Newman, Bob Powell, Maureen Callahan, Molly Rowe, Kathie Keiser, Marilyn Cassidy, Marie Yannaco-Grant, Heidi Whear

1. Minutes were reviewed and approved by 6 Yea, 1 Nae.
Motion by DiPietro
Seconded by Maureen
2. Covid booster clinic will be held at the Center on 12/28 for 1st and 2nd Pfizer and booster for Moderna.
3. Upcoming Events
 - a. The Talk about Town this week is about cannabis. It will be taped and on cable.
 - b. Men's Club will be gathering next week for lunch and listening to the high school choir.
 - c. Last week the captains and coaches spoke, had lunch and collaborated with the Talk about Town.
4. School Collaboration
 - a. The Middle School made cards for the people who receive Meals on Wheels. They also decorated gift bags for the Grab and Go lunch.
 - b. Once again we will have the Pen Pal with the third grade at Stanley School. We are looking for participants from the Center.
 - c. The Tech Ninja Program is going well and may become a summer camp.
 - d. The Harbor Program, which works with kids issues, may teach the seniors something.
 - e. A writing program is being developed where the kids interview the seniors and then write about them.
5. Transportation
 - a. Unable to participate in the Holiday Parade due to weather. Next year planning must start earlier.
 - b. Transportation was used for light tours and shopping.
 - c. Still trying to hire a van driver, demand for rides is huge. Increased need for medical appointments.
 - d. Collaboration with library; transportation to library is in place.
6. Library
 - a. Satellite Library is at the Senior Center on Tuesday mornings.
7. Swampscott for All Ages

- a. 157 page Action Plan based on our 2019 Needs Assessment.
 - b. Community Profile shows that 18.8% of community is 65+.
 - c. After approval from SfAA Committee the document will be submitted to AARP.
 - d. 3% of population in community is living in poverty.
8. Council on Aging Budget FY 2023
- a. Screen shot of proposed budget.
 - b. Requests are for part time kitchen staff and part time van driver.
 - c. Continued requests for Dementia Care and use of the Memory Cafe.
9. Capital Plan: Construction of the kitchen is expected to be started by July 2022.
10. Report of Friends by Kathie Keiser:
- a. Students are videotaping; possibility of hard wiring to allow for collaboration with high school.
 - b. Need for an updated TV; possible cost for a new TV is \$4,000. Not expected until January.
 - c. Air filters: some are in place and more to be added.
 - d. A donation of Chrome Books was made last year.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2022 @ 9:00am. At the Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:56am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Cassidy and Marie Yannaco-Grant