

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

In Attendance: Bob Powell, Kathy Keiser, Heidi Whear, Marilyn Cassidy, Gina Bush.

Votes of the Board: As A quorum was not present, the January Board minutes will be reviewed at the March meeting. No other votes will be taken.

Old Business

1. The food transition has been made to Glss.
2. The virtual Wine Tasting with the Frank Sinatra Tribute Band was well received.
3. Anchor Food Pantry...Our request for the use of the old police station is still under discussion. The town is also trying to find us another site.

New Business

1. Covid-19 update: 888 cases, 16 deaths in Swampscott as of 2/8/2021
2. Vaccination Plan. There have been no resources. The Center started receiving calls so they formed a list from the calls, then went on line and made appointments for the callers.
Heidi and Gina will try to set up a more detailed list for future use.
3. Transportation update
 - a. We now have 2 drivers.
 - b. We would like to put more than one rider on the bus for medical rides which are on Monday through Wednesday.
4. February will be the Valentine Grab 'n Go Event. The Baker's Daughter will provide soup and sandwiches, cookies and candy, and Girl Scout Cookies. In the evening will be a Neil Diamond Tribute Show.
5. Upcoming sponsors
 - a. Peabody Properties (developers of Machon School) will sponsor a Grab n'Go of corn beef and cabbage in March.
 - b. In April, on opening day of Red Sox, Groom Contractors will sponsor a hot dog cart along with the singing of the Bruins song man.
6. The Recreation Department supplied some crafts for the seniors.
7. Fairy Tale Moments.....A local woman has started a balloon business which involves balloon buddies, selling and delivering to isolated seniors.
8. Keep in Touch Program is working with isolated seniors under the guidance of a local woman. The senior center will advertise for it.
9. A Sharing Senior Programs has come into being with local and regional COA's for sharing of ideas and programs.
10. Webinar on the Community Transit Grant Program

11. Conversation on modernization of our kitchen continues. A meeting with an architect was held and offered an estimate of \$300-400,000. Modifications were also discussed. Gina is also meeting with Ron Mendez from the Capital Improvement Board.
12. Shoveling Program Update...They are using the Senior Center vans to drive the shovelers around. The DPW is paying the drivers. In one of the last storms they did Duncan Terrace and Doherty Circle.
13. At the Trask Center for Dementia at the Peabody Senior Center we will be trying to establish scholarships for local people.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Next Board Meeting March 9, 8:30 AM

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn L Cassidy