

Council on Aging Board Meeting

April 13, 2021

In Attendance: Deborah Newman, Kathy Keiser, Heidi Whear, Maureen Callahan, Molly Rowe, Barbara DiPietro, Norma Freedman, Marilyn Cassidy, Gina Bush, Neal Duffy.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

A. Old Business

1. Anchor Food Pantry will be moved to the front part of the old police station on May 17 for a year anyway.
2. St. Patrick's Grab'n Go was widely successful, with a beautiful day and Irish music to delight.

B. New Business

1. The April Grab'n Go, scheduled for April 14 as Red Sox Day, has been cancelled due to the shutdown of the school due to a large Covid exposure. It has been rescheduled for June 15.
  - a. In its place the Grab'N Go became individual pizzas, to be cooked at home, and blueberry pies for 150 seniors, passing through or under the tent.
2. Mother's Day Event will be on May 5, 11:00 – 1:00. A lady named Rita will be in 1908 dress and tell tales in the garden or tent. Sandwiches will be donated by The Residence and Elderact will be giving house plants.

C. Future of the Center

1. Gina wanted to open May 1 but due to the severe lack of manpower, the Board took a vote to open June 1. Can't open until food pantry is moved out and new furniture is moved in anyway.
  - a. So many groups want to come back: tap dancers, knitters, bingo, mahjong, bridge, canasta.
  - b. Sean has a vision of a new building with a senior center and community center.
    - 1) Neal said not to wait for the vision as that could be an 8 year plan.
  - c. Our vision is a new kitchen in order to improve the meals and functionality of the kitchen.
  - d. Deb went to the CIC meeting to discuss ideas for a renovated kitchen. They stressed we needed a design. Max, Chair of Facilities said he has money in the 2021 budget to do a design. (Thus it was moved from 2024 to 2021). We can tap into Marzi, Director of Community Development, who will help us look for grants.
  - e. Gina and Marilyn are going to the Finance Committee Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Committee's request. Bob and Heidi will be there also. They have asked us to share our future plans for the center.

Meeting adjourned: 9:35 AM

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

*Marilyn L Cassidy*, Chair