

COA Meeting Minutes June 24, 2021 8:30 AM

Attendance: Heidi Whear, Bob Powell, Norma Freedman, Barbara DiPietro, Kathy Keiser, Molly Rowe, Maureen Callahan

Minutes from last meeting motioned by Maureen Callahan and second by Norma Freedman. All attendees were in favor.

New Business:

1. Furniture update: The new table and chairs for the dining room are easy to move around and making it more accessible for other activities.
2. Programs will resume as of July 1, 2021 and hours will be extended until 3:00 PM. If fully-vaccinated no mask are required. If NOT vaccinated members are asked to please wear a mask.
 - a. Bingo will resume on July 13, 2021 and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:45 PM – 2:45 PM.
 - b. Card games and other programs will be rolled out during the month.
3. Posting For Staff:
 - a. Outreach/Social Worker, a master's degree is preferred for this position.
 - b. Program and volunteer manager
 - c. Interviews should begin by the end of June, (Bob suggested there should be 3 positions.)
 - d. Two high school students will be hired part time to greet members and help them sign-in.
4. Kitchen Update: Max checked out our equipment and verified that our vent and hood are up to code for our purposes, our ice machine is broken but will be fixed or replaced.
 - a. New plates, silverware and trays are going to be purchased to improve meal service. Max has confirmed that we can cook breakfast and dinners when we choose.
 - b. Heidi is arranging a meeting with the high school food services to discuss options to provide a better quality lunch for the Center.
 - c. A coffee bar has been purchased with a refrigerator unit for milk and cream, etc.. Coffee mugs will be provided, or folks can bring their own. Also, daily newspapers will be available.
5. Grab and Go lunch will be held on July 29th for 100 seniors.
6. Swampscott for all ages will have a table at the Farmers Market on Sundays for general information and to answer any questions seniors may have.
7. Heidi was approached by Senator Hines asking, "what are the benefits of having the Senior Center attached to the high school?"

8. Heidi held our first Memory Café – a gathering of caregivers and their loved ones. We plan to hold a café once a month at the center to offer caregivers a chance to interact with others in the same situation.
9. A Memory bag was presented which contains books and activities to help with memory problems. These will be available for loan from the Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM at the Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Callahan