

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes - July 20, 2021

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

Meeting was held in person at Senior Center with Virtual Option on Zoom.

A. Old Business

1. Review of minutes of June 24, 2021 were reviewed and accepted.
2. Progress of opening
 - a. Now using the dining room with the new furniture
 - b. Opening 9:00 – 3:00 every day except Friday (until 1:00)
 - c. Lunch offered 2 days/week for \$3.00 donation
 - d. New newsletter out in print and online
 - e. Trying to arrange for vans to drive seniors to Farmers' Market.
 - 1) Masks required on the vans
 - 2) We have coupons to give out / good for any Farmers' Market
 - f. Several games are beginning: ie. Canasta, bingo, bridge
 - g. Trip going to Encore on 8/4.
 - h. Possible trip with another COA for ride to Gloucester and lobster feed
3. Presently interviewing for Program and Volunteer Manager and Outreach Worker
4. Two students working as interns during the summer / will become volunteers once school starts.
5. Norma Freedman has resigned from the Board.

B. New Business

1. Swampscott for All Ages
 - a. Seaglass Village office has now opened up.
 - b. There will be a Resource Fair in November with speakers and lunch probably the 2nd week in November. This is a reinvention of the one that previously had been cancelled due to Covid.
 - c. Planning a SURE Diversity Fair (Swampscott unites, respects, embraces) in October on the town hall lawn
2. Heidi is looking for new ways to collaborate with the High School. She would like to see more students working at the center.
3. Classes are starting to move inside from outside
4. Trying to plan a barbecue

5. Discussion of officers. Marilyn added that at the present time, we don't have officers.
6. There are 2 open seats on the Board. We need to strive for diversity.
7. Rescheduling the meeting time had been requested
 - a. We do not normally meet in August. Heidi will call a meeting if necessary.
 - b. The next meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday of September at 3:30.
8. The Memory Cafes are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn L Cassidy