

Council on Aging Board Meeting – Thursday, August 15, 2019

Call to order – 5:35 PM

Attendance: Board Members: JD Miller, Chair, Leslie James, Lucille Sorrentino, Janice Lindblom, and Janice Desmond. Linda Hayes, Senior Center Director, Lisa Thornton, Senior Center Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Powers, South Shore Elder Services Liaison, Jerry Klimek, acting as Liaison to Community Campus Campaign Committee and Elaine Shembari, Liaison to FOSS were also in attendance. Absent were Caitlin Coyle and Henry Yeh, Board members and Karen Canfield, Liaison to Board of Selectmen.

The minutes for the May and June 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Director's Report:

- ☐ There was no July COA Board meeting and the COA had a relatively quiet Summer
- ☐ GATRA added \$5,000 to the Scituate Budget bringing the total transportation budget to \$106,00 annually
- ☐ Linda has become involved in the committee to review candidates for a new GATRA director. The candidates have been narrowed down to 4 at this time.
- ☐ There is a Pilot project going on to have a central dispatcher for the GATRA rides. There is also a Pilot project going on to use UBER for off-hours transportation. Funding will be needed for this to be permanent.
- ☐ Linda attended a 1-day Marketing program meeting for the MCOA Director Certification program.
- ☐ The Senior Center was used as a cooling center for a couple of days in July.
- ☐ Linda has been able to place 2 additional people for the tax work-off program.
- ☐ A new program has been subscribed to which is to deliver e-mails outlining COA updates.
- ☐ Susan Kelly will be doing a workshop on August 21 at the Library on "Transformation at Any Age".
- ☐ Linda and staff are working with local professional resources to plan a panel discussion on lifestyle choices and financial matter. This is to assist seniors who are trying to make some choices on these matters and will be held in early November.
- ☐ Art for the Mind program started in August and will continue monthly.
- ☐ Aging Mastery program will be held again sometime in the Spring.
- ☐ The MCOA Conference is scheduled in October in Danvers
- ☐ The Age-Friendly Steering Committee is planning to hold community group 'listening' sessions in the Fall. Next meeting is pending.
- ☐ The COA is already taking reservations for the November Thanksgiving luncheon to be held at The River Club.
- ☐ Linda went through notes on the Senior Center project from the Design Review committee.
- ☐ The Planning Board meeting for the new Senior Center was delayed until August 8. In the interim Linda has spoken with a number of sub-contractors of the architect - such as HVAC, electricians, security, etc. to review the new building.
- ☐ At the August Planning Board ("PB") meeting, the PB needs to see that the peer review recommendations are addressed. The PB wants building occupancy estimates to make determinations of adequacy of parking spaces.

- ☐ Steve Kirby recorded 25 items that need to be responded to by various departments.
- ☐ Linda had a call with the Recreation Department - more information is needed.
- ☐ Next PB meeting for new Senior Center to be held in September.

Outreach:

- ☐ 105 people were served in July.
- ☐ Beginning in September, Norman, the SHINE counselor will no longer be servicing Scituate. Another volunteer may be starting who is from Scituate.

Transportation:

- ☐ Kathy Clarkson continues to be very efficient and productive in this role. She has been tracking cancellations, which has been helpful.
- ☐ Some schedule changes were made to the transportation schedule and weekly trips to the Food Pantry have been added.
- ☐ Linda showed the Board the finalized transportation brochure.
- ☐ A survey was done with users of the Senior Center's transportation to ask them for feedback. There were some complaints related to out of town transportation, which is often more difficult to accommodate.

Volunteer Events for June and July - reported by Lisa Thornton:

- ☐ Dick Flavin and Jim Lonborg were here for the monthly men's breakfast on June 4th
- ☐ Cafe talk was held on Mediterranean Diet
- ☐ The June and July dine out program were successful
- ☐ July 2nd Summer barbecue was sponsored by LifeCare Center.
- ☐ Herb Crehan spoke on Boston Ball Parks.
- ☐ Tea Tasting party was held.

Liaison Reports:

1. Joan Powers reported on SSES: -

- No July SSES meeting was held
- Case workers caseload has increased by 13%
- The June volunteer lunch was a big success
- A picnic was held for Seniors at Nantasket Beach on August 15
- Joan reviewed the SSES funding for 2020
- St. Luke's community dinner will be held on August 25 at 5PM

2. Elaine Schembari reported on Foss:

- FOSS had a location set up at Jack Conway during Heritage Days and raised over \$900.
- The Fashion Show will be held on September 28th from 1 to 3 PM at St. Mary's Hall. Fashions will be from J. Jill and a luncheon will be served.
- Trivia night will be held on October 18th from 6-9PM at St. Mary's Hall.
- The annual Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, November 30th at St. Mary's Hall.

3. Jerry Klimek reported for FOSS, Community Campus Campaign Committee:

- The Committee is working on a letter to send out to Scituate residents to begin the fund raising efforts.
- There is a FOSS Capital Funding Account for donations for the new Senior Center that has 501C status.
- Seniors who are 70 1/2 years old can make tax deferred contributions.
- Their committee is developing a calendar as a fund raising endeavor. The calendar will feature Scituate men wearing limited clothing. The cost to create the calendars should be approximately \$4,600 and the committee hopes to raise \$15,000-\$20,000.
- FOSS will be collecting money at the Transfer Station during Columbus Day weekend to raise money for expenses.

4. Other Business:

- The 2nd annual Family Fun Walk is scheduled for SUNDAY, October 6th. We are considering using the Campus site of new Senior Center as a starting and ending point for the walk.
- There was discussion of presenting the Council on Aging's updated By-Laws to the Board of Selectman at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.