

Scituate Council of Aging Meeting – Scituate Senior Center

September 9, 2021 @5:00pm

In attendance: Linda Hayes, Director; J D Miller, Chair; Susan Drevitch Kelly, Vice Chair; Board members: Marie Fricker; Laurie Brady; Barbara McFadden, Associate member; and Joan Powers, SSES liaison. Absent Patricia Carleton, Leslie James, Janice Lindblom. Liaisons Karen Canfield, Elaine Schembari, and Gordon Price were also not in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm

July minutes were approved. August minutes were approved.

Report from Linda Hayes, Director

GENERAL

Lunch has started being served in the main dining room. Monday – Thursday at 12:00. Reservations must be made in advance. Served approximately 175 lunches the first week. Slight problem with no shows. More volunteers are needed. Discussion on maybe seeing if it is feasible to hire a kitchen assistant. Eligible seniors that volunteer 100 hours can get a deduction of \$1275 off their real estate tax bill. We are also still in need of parking lot monitors.

TRANSPORTATION

She informed the Board that the center is still in need of an Outreach Coordinator as well as a Transportation Coordinator. An ad was placed in Indeed. She has had some response from this and is reviewing applicants. A new part time van driver has been hired. There seems to be a shortage of drivers as many towns have reported not having enough drivers.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Susan spoke about holding a Grief Support Group meeting at the Senior Center. During the day if possible. All support groups are starting back up.

Linda informed us that parking has been a small issue at certain times of the day, especially since lunch has started.

Art Show/Sale to honor Joanne Papandrea's artwork was a great success. The SSC will receive a considerable donation from this. Some of her work is still being displayed in the hallway. A senior art display is being planned for September into November. Volunteers will be needed as well.

BUILDING

The contractor is no longer mowing and weeding. The DPW will take over. Weeding is a project that we need help with. We are still waiting on the herb garden.

Issues with Kitchen equipment include stove/pilot – waiting for replacement parts, refrigeration/condenser are ongoing.

Chair rail/Hand rails installed on the 2nd floor. Fire alarm and electrical panel issues have been resolved. A spinet Piano has been offered to the Center. Arranging to have a piano tech look at it.

FOSS will host an event on October 1st from 4-6 pm to honor people who donated to the SSC Building Fund. The unveiling of the door signs and donation board will take place.

Weekend or evening openings have been in discussion to accommodate seniors that work. Some "Get to Know You" events was suggested by Susan.

Also, there are 3 Board member openings.

SOUTH SHORE ELDER SERVICES

Joan Powers, the liaison, reported on the meeting held on September 7th. She handed out a great resource book for seniors, adults and caregivers on the south shore. Also, a 5 year plan of goals. The annual meeting will be held in October at the Lantana. There will be no community dinner, only church services where masks are still required.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm

Next meeting of COA is scheduled for October 14th at 5:30 pm at the SSC.