

Scituate Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2017
Scituate Town Library Large Conference Room

Present: Chairman John Miller; COA Director Linda Hayes; Board Members Dale Balog, Leslie James, Janice Lindblom, Janice Desmond, Helen Jablonski, Lucille Sorrentino; Liaisons: FOSS Bette Johnson, SCOD John McLaughlin (SCOD Chair), SSES Joan Powers

Not Present: Vice-Chairman Gordon Price

Meeting Called to Order at 5:34pm

Director's Report:

- June and July were very busy at the Senior Center with lots of offsite activities and working on the Feasibility study. There have been lots of programs being held at the SHCB Monday through Friday. The staff can now use a mobile scanner to scan COA member ID cards when offsite and data can be uploaded back at the Senior Center. This is important for counting participants in all the programs offered. The COA had a table at Heritage Days. Maps of 3 of the locations for a new senior center were available as well as the newsletter, marketing 'postcard', and a flyer for the Art Show.
- Feasibility Study: The report was presented to the COA on 6/29/17 at the town hall. Linda met with the Library Director and discussed Branch St. location. The public forums were on 7/27/17 at Scituate High School. There were approximately 180 attendees. Survey questions were submitted to the BOS/TA. The survey will be available to the public via Survey Monkey and in paper form at the COA and the Library.
- Transportation: Jean attended a meeting on 6/29/17 for MAP money via SSES and SSCAC. Two of the vans had repairs. One failed inspection and the other needed brakes.
- Seniorities: There have not been shows taped since 6/9/17 with Lisa but the next one will be about volunteers and the new Senior Center update. SCTV has a new director and his name is Seth Pfeiffer.
- Misc: Mobile Scanner and new Snowball chairs purchased. The new phone system is pending. The hours of the Senior Center will go back to 8:30-4:30 as of 9/1/17 pending union approval. The Formula Grant for FY2018 is due 8/29/17. The COA has received a memorial donation for a recently deceased client. Linda is contemplating putting in the newsletter information re: donations.
- SHCB: COA is sharing with the Recreation dept. Scheduling goes through town hall. Most of the belongings of the Library have been removed by the town.
- Programming: Zumba has been held at the Library free of charge through a donation. Alternative space will be needed after September 6 and inquiries have been made re: the GAR hall.
- Luncheons: Volunteer Celebration on Tuesday, June 20 at the Maritime Center with 42 in attendance; July 4th Barbecue on 6/30 with 35 in attendance; Lobster Lunch on 8/3 before Heritage Days. Lobsters were supplied by Mullaney's. Many volunteers helped and 52 attended.

- Upcoming: Memory Cafe on 8/23; Fine Art and Craft Sale 8/25/26 at the SHCB; Roger Crawford for Cafe Talk 9/6 @ 10:30am on Melonseed Boatbuilding
- Activities/volunteer, Transportation and Outreach Reports for June/July 2017 submitted.

Liaison Updates:

- SSES: Finances were discussed at the 8/1 meeting. No services were cut even without money from the state. Sandra Linsky (Executive Director) remains a statewide leader. 40th annual recognition luncheon will be held on 11/15/17. A picnic will be at Nantasket Beach on 8/17 and the theme will be Mardi Gras. St. Lukes dinner will be on 8/27 and fried chicken will be served.
- SCOD: The June 14 meeting of the SCOD may have been in violation of the open-meeting law if elections were held. There will be a sensory event at the SHCB on 10/4. This means there will be no aftershaves or perfumes. Kathy Curran, the SFD and the Comm. for the Blind will be there. The Jenkins school path will hopefully be completed before school starts. Discussions have been about naming it "Theo's Trail". The library is ADA compliance but not up to code. John gave an example of the door i.e. psi and how long it took to close.
- FOSS: Heritage Days was a success and they met lots of people outside the Jack Conway office. All money raised from the bake sale was donated to FOSS. There are now 400+ members. FOSS members will participate in the craft fair and volunteer. The Fashion Show is scheduled on 9/16/17 at St. Mary's Hall. Trivia night will be 10/20/17. Both events are fundraisers.

Board Business:

- Committee Assignments: Leslie volunteered for the financial committee and Janice Desmond has previously volunteered for the By-Law review. JD will email the members the available spots to be filled.
- Senior Center sites: The Board discussed if members should walk the properties and then discuss the pros/cons of each. Janice Desmond feels that the Board should address other sites, not in the study, that have been mentioned and why they cannot be used. It was also suggested that weekly articles about the project may help. The field at the Driftway site was brought up. Sandy Duffy of FOSS stated that per Dave Ball it is the oldest continual field in the town. It was agreed that Board members would meet at the Senior Center on 8/17 at 5:30 and from there would visit sites in the feasibility study.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm with some members remaining at the location to walk the property and survey the location as possible Senior Center.

Submitted by Janice Lindblom