

Scituate COA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes - 8/9/18

Present: J.D. Miller, Chair, Gordon Price, Vice-Chair, Linda Hayes, COA Director, Lucille Sorrentino, Leslie James, Janice Lindblom and Janice Desmond, Board Members, and Joan Powers, South Shore Elder Services Liaison.

Not Present: Caitlin Coyle, Henry Yeh and Helen Jablonski.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM.

- Minutes for the July 2018 meeting were accepted by the Board.
- Director's Report:
 - o Linda provided an update on the new Senior Center project. An 'envelope view' (assessment of the exterior) of the Gates school building has begun. Linda will be meeting with the architect, OPM and building commissioner next week. Linda will provide the outline of the building requirements, which are unchanged, at that time. This is an initial meeting.
 - o A 2nd 12 person GATRA vehicle was being received by the Senior Center. The existing 12 person vehicle owned by the COA has several mechanical issues. Linda met with existing drivers and new transportation coordinator to discuss any concerns and the policies for use of the vans were under discussion. There have been some circumstances with passengers being driven to day surgery appointments and need a companion and driver cannot be that person.
 - o The age friendly network under AARP is underway. A contact person has been assigned from AARP.
 - o JD Miller initiated a contact with South Shore Senior News. Any news data needs to be provided by a certain time in the month to make the subsequent month's edition. This can be used for advertising any upcoming events.
 - o The assistive hearing devices have been ordered through MCOA at a reduced cost. In addition, a 'pocket talker' device was ordered. The devices will be added into the sound system at the Senior Center.
 - o The 50+ job seeker program, which is ending in August, has been quite successful. Prospectively, MCOA will fund the program going forward and it will be held at the Scituate Library. Debbie Riemonnd has been recruited by Susan Kelly, the existing program coordinator, to facilitate the next program. Jenny, from the Senior Center, will continue to co-facilitate.
 - o The age 90+ birthday party was held in early August. Approximately 30 people attended, all over age 90. One attendee was 101 years old. A new volunteer, Maureen Dinsmore who enjoys cooking, helped out at this event.
 - o Herb Crehan's , the Red Sox author, Café Talk was excellent - but due to summer, there was low attendance.
 - o The Craft Show is coming up and will be held on August 25th at the Scituate Harbor Community Building.
 - o A lobster lunch will be held on Tuesday, August 28th. Entertainment hired and there will be a charge. All prep work will be done at the Senior Center. Linda is looking into accepting an offer by Patrick Kearney, candidate for State Rep., to provide ice cream for this event.
 - o The Scituate Senior Center will participate in Scituate Education Foundation Passport Days, an event with town businesses integrating pre-schoolers. The SCOA has the author of "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter" coming in for a

Cafe talk and this will be a good opportunity to have pre-schoolers come into the center.

- Postcards with the new Senior Center logo were distributed at Heritage Days. Additional sites for distribution were suggested.
 - Family Fun Walk:
 - Scheduled for September 23rd
 - Funding for the event received from MCOA
 - Event will be the kick-off for our Age Friendly initiative with a Certification presentation to be held
 - Gordon Price volunteered to be the 1st sponsor for the event - funding to be used to purchase t-shirts with the Senior Center's logo
 - Additional planning meeting for this event to be held next Wednesday, August 15th at 3:30 PM
 - A health department permit also needs to be obtained in order to provide food
 - The COA received a letter related to the Navy Band Pops Concert for Veteran's Day on Sunday, November 11th. COA is on a list and will receive confirmation at the end of August on timing. Performing Arts Center is reserved. Some planning will be underway on this event.
 - Linda reviewed Jenny's Outreach Report. Jenny now works 30 hours per week and by September will be working 35 hours per week. She saw 54 people in July for outreach services. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) is looking to partner with the Scituate COA.
 - Linda reviewed the transportation report. 634 rides were provided in July for 96 clients.
 - Under Activities - the Nordic walking pole walks are catching on.
- Liaison Updates:
- Elaine Shembari sent the FOSS updates by e-mail. The FOSS sponsored Fashion Show will be held on September 15th at St. Mary's Hall.
 - Joan Powers reported for South Shore Elder Services:
 - The July Meeting was held on August 7th. New Officers of Board were announced. There was a positive report on South Shore Elder Services by the State.
 - Volunteers are still needed for South Shore Meals on Wheels.
 - A Volunteer luncheon was held in June. Joan Powers was awarded a 20 Year Volunteer Pin.
 - A picnic will be held on August 26th at Nantasket beach.
 - Next meeting will be November 14th.
 - The next St. Luke's Community dinner will be held on August 26th.
 - Linda mentioned that there was some discussion for volunteering for Meals on Wheels to be used for the tax write-off program. More on this to come.
- Old Business/New Business
- By-Laws subcommittee to meet at the Senior Center on August 24th at 9 AM. Janice Desmond to send out an e-mail in advance as a reminder for any board members who wish to attend.
 - The Family Fun Walk to be held on September 23rd - Scituate COA to go to BOS meeting in August for approval. There will be a small ceremony at the opening of the walk for AARP to make a presentation to the COA and BOS. Some advertising for the event was discussed.
 - Veterans Day Concert tickets are to be printed up - no charge for the event.

- Lucille Sorrentino discussed the possibility of having a COA board member regularly attend FOSS meetings to act as a liaison for COA. Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 AM. More discussion to be held at next month's meeting related to establishing a liaison.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.
- Next meeting scheduled for September 13, 2018.