

SCITUATE COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Attendance: Linda Hayes, Director; J.D. Miller, Chair; Susan Drevitch Kelly, Vice chair; Janice Lindblom, Board member; Leslie James, Board member; Laurie Brady, Board member; Deirdra Dwyer, Board member; Pat Carleton, Board member; Joan Powers, SSES; Lillian Cruz, Transportation.

Meeting called to order at 5:45pm

November Minutes Approved.

Linda Hayes introduced the new transportation coordinator – Lillian Cruz. Lillian told us of her extensive background with the elderly including home health aide and case management for short term care. She is in charge of coordinating rides to medical appointments (in and out of town), trips to Shaw's and the harbor, and miscellaneous trips. There were 194 rides given in the month of November. Lillian said a goal of hers was to decrease purchased transportation. It is 47% down. This is a great news for the senior center. Lillian also talked about having escorted medical rides with volunteers in the future. 260 rides given/53 unduplicated. Lillian is enthusiastic about her new job and is a great fit.

Erin LaMonte, the new outreach coordinator, was unable to attend but gave a detailed report. She would like to get lists of available landscapers, exterior home repairmen and handymen. A suggestion was made about using high schoolers for help with the seniors. Shine program is very busy. Erin is looking into getting trained to be able to help with appointments. There is also a need for support for caregivers. Also, there has been an increase in people trying to get housing assistance in the town of Scituate.

Director's Report:

Veterans Day was well attended. More than 90 lunches were served. Dessert was provided by the Food Pantry, along with entertainment.

Christmas lunch is scheduled for 12/15 and 12/16. A broadcast call will be sent out to let signups for those two days know about the change.

Art Display – Coastal Printmakers until end of December. January and February will be a solo display of a caregiver's interpretation of challenges around caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's Disease.

A new worker for the front desk is coming on board in January. She will be working 20 hours a week. This is funded with a grant from the state.

Parking lot challenges continue. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings seem to be the most challenging.

Outreach/Wellness

SHINE Open Enrollment appointments were 33, phone calls were also made. Seniors assisted with Medicare Part D searches were 14. Seniors assisted with Ask a Lawyer were 5 appointments.

The Board of Health will be having a Covid Booster Clinic on December 13 and 14th at the SSC. Appointments can be made on line.

Poinsettias were donated by Etrustco, Kennedy's and also some personal donations.

There was a discussion about getting volunteer chefs from different restaurants. They could showcase their skills and it could help with kitchen vacation and or sick time.

SSES – Joan Powers

Joan gave information on meals on wheels and other Veterans news. Also, workers for the administration will be getting a 6% raise.

Next meeting will be January 13, 2022.

Motion to close the meeting was at 6:50pm.