

Scituate COA Board Meeting
June 8, 2017
@ Senior Center

Present: Gordon Price Vice-Chair; Lucille Sorrentino, Dale Balog, Janice Desmond, Audrey Reidy, Leslie James; Bette Johnson FOSS liaison; Elaine Schembari COD Liaison; Linda Hayes COA Director; Jean Sullivan Transportation Coordinator.

Not Present: Janice Lindblom, Helen Jablonski and JD Miller

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm

May minutes were approved by the Board.

Director's Report:

- COA received a grant from the Scituate Education Foundation in the amount of \$3000 which will be used for the purchase of iPads; formal training; and matching of seniors with a student from the interact program for ongoing support over several weeks. First priority will be given to completers of the Aging Mastery Program.
- Feasibility study will be presented on July 11 to the BOS. The location of the presentation has not been decided. John Danehey is the new BOS liaison to the COA starting in July.
- Transportation: Jim Keeley is the new PT driver and all training is completed. He will be driving on Mondays and special trips. New 14 person van is available and he is trained for that as well. Linda attended the GATRA meeting and they are happy with the use of the SLOOP in Scituate.
- Seniorities: last episodes taped - Laura Minier in May, Lisa in June. No others scheduled as yet.
- Formula Grant: Budget is coming up and is due the beginning of August. Approved funds are approved for the next "cycle". \$10.00 per elder is the calculation.
- Misc: Meeting held with SSES re: MAP program and other grants were discussed. Volunteer celebration is being planned. It will be at 4:00 and early dinner will be served. Linda attended the Interact Club meeting, the last one for the year. Linda told the graduating seniors about the grant. Linda went to a Division meeting with TA, health agent, Veterans agent and Social Services. She also attended the Hoarding Response Team meeting and the SANDS meeting and was asked to write a letter of support for an award they were being recommended for. Tai Chi is held continually. Linda visited the Hanover COA for a tour. It is small, standalone center; remote location, but a very nice building. They have a large multi-purpose room that can be divided depending on the program.
- Hours: Center hours were changed for the summer which was discussed with the union. It will only be for July and August.

- SHCB: Supplemental use has begun for exercise classes as well as yoga and balance classes. The town continues to make repairs. Zumba needs an area without a carpet and is being held at St. Luke's and perhaps somewhere else. Use of the building is being coordinated with the Recreation Dept. The SHS gym is available on Wednesdays at 3:30pm for Pickleball, for the summer. Linda will ask for a one-time, annual fee for activities throughout the summer. Gordon discussed the need for protective eyewear and questioned if it should be mandatory. Linda discussed the need for a new release-of-liability form for participants to sign. Bette Johnson did not think eyewear should be made mandatory. Linda explained that they would not but just recommended.
- Mother's Day Brunch: It was a great success and really nice. Christine Zaremba came and read stories/poems.
- Herb Crehan: Herb sold all 20 books that he brought.
- July 4th Celebration: It will be held in the back of the building on June 30 at noon.
- Memory Cafe will be planned for July with the money from Harvard Pilgrim. It is for both the client and the caregiver. There will be an activity or just mingling.
- Lobster Lunch to kick off Heritage Days. It was last done two summers ago and was very successful.
- Linda discussed the attached activities report from Lisa Thornton and the Social Service report from Laura Minier.

Liaison Reports:

- SSES: Meeting was held in June and there was a lot of information re: MassHealth and home care. The budget is always a topic of discussion at the SSES Board meetings. AARP provides articles re: concerns with expenses/coverage in healthcare. SSES has a good relationship with the Veterans. A letter of congratulations was presented to SSES by the Veterans for their support of trying to keep elderly veterans at home. The Veterans agent from Cohasset is the newest member of the board. Protective Service program has changed. July 1 reports of elder abuse will be taken at UMASS Medical Center. SSES will no longer be the contact for reports of elder abuse. The hotline will be available 24/7. 1-800-922-2275 is the hotline phone number. Board Training on home care was provided. SSES case mgmt works with COAs and other agencies to provide services to the client. Home care program is a state sponsored program and provides help at reasonable cost. Volunteers are always needed for MOWs. The hot lunch is at the Methodist Church Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at noon til 1:00pm. Between 45-50 meals are provided each day (M/W/F) for seniors in their home. Picnic is August 17.
- SCOD: Meetings continue to be held with town departments re: ADA compliance throughout the town. Development of the forum to be held in the fall is being worked on and work continues with SFD with information re: seniors/HP and information that

is pertinent to them with regards to disabilities and what to do in an emergency. Discussion turned to the sidewalks on Tilden Road and ADA compliance.

- FOSS: Golf Tournament will be held on June 16 @ 8:30am. There are still spots available as well as hole sponsorship. Lunch will be provided.

Board Business:

- Linda provided a handout of COA bylaws. Bylaw 6.1 discusses officers and elections. Linda also provided a copy of "Robert's Rules of Order" re: voting/nominations. A nomination committee could be formed to assist with nominations or the Board can continue with current process. Janice Desmond has volunteered to head the by-law committee. The by-laws describe the number of members required on the Board. Long-range planning advisory is one committee recommended by Linda. Other committees include finance, nominations, events, marketing and by-law review. Any change in by-laws would need to be approved by the BOS. Applications for board positions are found on the town website under the BOS page. Linda read the recommendations/guidelines for becoming a Board member. Discussion turned to whether or not to have a nomination committee and it was decided that they would be made "from the floor". A July 27 meeting date was decided on.
- Old Business: Gordon mentioned the July 11 BOS meeting would be very important for people to attend and show support for a senior center. Election on September 16 for the vacant position on the BOS and Gordon questioned if the COA should have a candidates forum. Marshfield built a senior center 10 years ago and is currently going to the town for another \$10million to double the size due to use/population. Gordon pointed out the Durkee/Brown UMass study was very accurate. The existing Marshfield center is about 11,000 sq. ft.
- Audrey Reidy expressed her gratitude for her experience throughout the years of her being on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

