

COA Board Virtual Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2020

Call to order 5:00 PM

Attendance- Board members: JD Miller Co-Chair, Susan Kelley, Leslie James, Caitlin Coyle, Janice Desmond, Lucille Sorrention; COA Director, Linda Hayes, Liaison to the Board, Karen Canfield, Liaison to South Shore Elder Services, Joan Powers, Pat Carleton, Associate Board member

The minutes for May 2020 were edited and approved

Director's Report : Linda reviewed activities during Covid 19 closure

General: Website is being used for communication as well as broadcast calls and Constant Contact emails. The newsletter is being worked on. Budget and formula grant being reconciled. Thank you to volunteers maintaining Scituate Seniors garden at Cole's Parkway.

Transportation: Continuing with 2 drivers. Trips to shopping and medical appointments, Rx pick up by staff. Vans being cleaned regularly. Safety precautions being followed.

Outreach: Memorial Day concert online. 2nd round of check-in calls. Birthday calls to seniors. SANDS continues to get request for facemasks. Food pantry and MOWS referrals continue. SSES provided 20 food boxes to be distributed. SHINE , Attorney & Life Insurance appts provided by phone.

Programs: Zoom classes for chair yoga, yoga & balance. Tai Chi, History classes, Lift Your Spirits & Joint Efforts offered on YouTube. Smart phone support Q&A over the phone with Dick Eckhouse. Discussion Group & Men's Breakfast held this month. Caregiver Support Group and Parkinson's Support Group met via Zoom.

Other: Grants for Art for the Mind and Cultural Awareness will be extended. New SEF grant for self-care retreat series awarded. Planning a Grab & Go Volunteer Appreciation lunch. Physical re-opening of senior center date TBD.

Work on the new Senior Center is ongoing. Framing is being done. Preparations for paving being made. Meeting with designers to plan the furnishings. PBC meetings held regularly.

Board of Selectman liaison, Karen Canfield reported Covid case numbers remain consistent with what the state is reporting, concern with the number of cases in

nursing homes. Town Hall will be opening to the public next week by appointment only. Front St will be closed select hours Thursday- Sunday to allow businesses to offer outdoor dining and sidewalk sales.

SSES liaison, Joan Powers reported that SSES provided 20 boxes of food for distribution to Scituate seniors. MOWS are be delivered with an increase in numbers. Meal site participants are picking up their lunch to go.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM