



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING
Monday November 9th, 2020

Zoom meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc at 12:37pm

Present: Donna Charron, Patti Phillips, Jack Pocci, Harvey Hollm, Carol Laughlin, Theresa Rogers; associate member Donna Foisey Director Cindy Sullivan.

Absent: associate member Harriet Fischer

Minutes: reviewed and accepted. Patti made motion to accept, Jack second, accepted unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business:

Update from Director:

Virtual Bingo - eleven people signed up for first week, thirteen for second. Heather is running it, sign in through Zoom or calling in by phone. Video is broadcast on Channel 15. We will be playing this way every Wednesday from now until Center re- opens. Notice was put out on Face book and Southwick forums for donations of five to ten dollar gift cards from local business' to give out as prizes.

Crafts – two for November, ten people limit, pick up at center. Virtual craft is in the future, will be live streamed on Channel 15 and Zoom.

Holiday Celebration – area COA Directors are doing presentations on Mass Appeal. Tuesday, December 8th at 11:00am Southwick will have a Christmas performance by Laurie Fiesta. Included during the broadcast will be information on loneliness and isolation during the holidays. Laurie Fiestas' full performance will be shown at a later date for holiday.

Update on programs:

Dining Room – starting November 16th at 11:30am we'll be changing Grab n Go lunch pick up area to the rear sliding door of center. It will be a warmer location and volunteer van will be able to go back in garage for winter. Ramp near slider will be decorated for Christmas.

Brown Bag – will be picked up out of garage all winter.

Transportation – opened up to Westfield for shopping at Stop&Shop only. Pharmacy, groceries and hair still just in Southwick.

Finances – doing ok, will have more money in class account because some were cancelled. Formula grant has gone from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Money will help with more crafts and activities. State lifted more restrictions on the grant; directors have been given more leeway to spend money on what the center feels they need.

Sanitizer dispensers are now up around the center. New hallway lighting installed, paid for by the town, making the hallway much brighter.

Classes – Paula spoke with Doug Moglin about having exercise classes inside. Cindy spoke with Board of Health, general rule, nothing inside until further notice due to pandemic. Tents will go back up in spring if center is still closed.

Old business:

Sand for Seniors – should be on November 21st, getting list together.

Seniors Helping Seniors – will be happening this year, will reach out to people from previous sign up. Seventeen were on list.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna Charron, Theresa second, passed unanimously by roll call vote at 1:02pm

Next meeting December 14th at 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Phillips