

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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# COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING Monday March 8, 2021 at 12:30pm (ZOOM)

Zoom Meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc 12:33 p.m.

Present: Paula LeBlanc, Carol Laughlin, Jack Pocai, Harvey Hollm, Theresa Rogers,

Donna Foisy, Donna Charron and Director Cindy Sullivan

Absent: associate member Harriet Fischer.

No Public Comment

Minutes reviewed and accepted. Motion made by Jack and seconded by Donna Foisy. Accepted unanimously

Bills: none for review

#### **New Business:**

Update from COA director:

Donna Foisy appointed as Voting member of the board

Vaccine - Cindy working to help people get appointments. Police and Fire depts. helping people to get to appointments. FRTA also taking people.

AARP Tax assistance update - In progress, different than other years, but running well.

### March 2020:

It has been a year since the Pandemic caused the Senior Center to close. March 17th was the first day of drive thru lunch pickup.

March 11<sup>th</sup> - 1:00pm history teacher, Jerry Perkins will talk about the Constitution and may do a series on Zoom, once a week. It will also be on channel 15.

March 11<sup>th</sup> – craft class will be on Zoom and channel 15 at 12:15pm

March 16<sup>th -</sup> virtual cooking class by Westfield Technical Academy will be at 12:30pm and 2:00pm on channel 15. Cost is \$5 to be paid when ingredients are picked up at 11:30am on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The students will be preparing Balsamic Glazed Caprese Chicken.

A gardening class will be held in April, a worker from Ray's farm in Southwick is interested in holding it.

Update about programs:

Dining room - March 17th, Mrs. Murphy's donuts will be available with lunch. A form will be handed out and participants can pick 2 donuts.

Transportation - FRTA still is being used. Volunteer van will be used with 2 persons per ride, wearing masks and socially distanced. Cindy will be using the van to drive some seniors around to get them out of the house.

Finances - in good shape, Cindy has a budget meeting March 20th on Zoom, members of the board can attend.

Classes - being held on Zoom and Channel 15. Still money in class account, have received a few donations.

Donations are needed for Bingo prizes. Friends gave \$100 toward prizes earlier.

Cindy ordered plexiglass for our van to protect the driver and sneeze protectors for the passengers. Money made available by the Care Act.

### Old Business:

A moment of Silence was held for Jan Argiro, who passed away March 2,2021.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Foisy, seconded by Donna Charron. Accepted unanimously by rollcall

Next Meeting, Monday, April 12, 2021 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Laughlin