



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING
Monday February 14, 2022 at 12:30pm

Meeting called to order by Carol Laughlin 12:30 p.m.

No Public participation

Present: Donna Foisy, Harvey Hollm, Theresa Rogers, Carol Smith and Director Cindy Sullivan

Absent: Paula LeBlanc, Jack Poci, Donna Charron, and Harriet Fischer

January minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept by Harvey Hollm and second by Theresa Rogers. All in favor and minutes accepted.

New Business:

A. Update from COA director:

- a. Cultural Council Grant has been approved for the Magician. This is to be an inter-generational program for 3rd grade and up to be held at Whalley Park, rain or shine, on June 30, 2022 at 10:00am.
- b. Cultural Council Grant also approved for Laughter Workshop to be held at the Senior Center on April 12, 2022 at 10:30am. Signups will be recommended.
- c. Benson's BBQ / Hoe Down will take place at Whalley Park on June 22, 2022 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at a cost of \$2 to be used for decorations, etc. BBQ will be in Honor of the Benson's. Donations for event from the Benson family and the Fire Department. Preregistration with a limit of 100. More information to come.
- d. Smoke Detector Program with the Fire Department and Red Cross on June 7, 2022. Signups required and one unit per floor will be installed.

B. Donna Charron has agreed to Carol Laughlin to step down and become an Associate Member.

- a. Recommendation made to vote Associate member Carol Smith to become a voting member of the Council of Aging. Motion made by Donna Foisy and second by Theresa Rogers. All were in favor.
- b. Elaine Boucher has made an interest to become an Associate Member. Motion made by Donna Foisy and second by Theresa Rogers to send to Select Board for approval. All voted in favor.

C. Update about Programs

Dining room - more are coming inside for their hot lunches. Increase may be because some coming from Westfield Senior Center as there was a closure.

Brown Bag - about 31 bags being put together with help from some new volunteers and most bags are picked up by noon.

Transportation - FRTA still transporting customers.

Finances - good, still waiting for 2020 formula grant figures from National Census. Will likely still use 2010 numbers.

Classes - are hopping, mainly due to increase coming from Westfield Senior Center. Painting class still taking place but may be put on hold due to small attendance.

More New Business:

- A. Remembrance Ball sent to Paula LeBlanc
- B. Senior Sizzler to take place at Town Beach on August 2, 2022.

Old Business:

- a. Companion Program - a good start but happening slowly. Still looking for companions. Sarah Gillette Grant used for mileage payments.

Motion to adjourn at 1:10pm by Donna Foisy second by Theresa Rogers. Accepted unanimously.

Next Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Foisy

