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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING
Monday August 13, 2018 at 10:00 am

Meeting held at Senior Center Meeting Room, called to order by Cindy Sullivan 10:00 AM.

Present: Cindy Sullivan, Carol Laughlin, Joan Plancon, Donna Charron, Patti Phillips, Theresa Rogers
Associate member: Jack Poci, Harvey Holm, Harriet Fischer

Absent: Paula LeBlanc, Roy Benson

No Public Comment

Minutes reviewed and accepted. Motion made by Carol, seconded by Donna. Accepted unanimously.

Bills: none for review

New Business:

Update from COA director:

SMOKE DETECTOR program will begin 8/28. Some homes have wired detectors and we need to find out if they can just be replaced without any wiring needed. If wiring is needed we will need to find an electrician willing to charge us less to help out. Cindy is keeping a list of the wired ones and on the 28th a visit might be made to get any necessary information off the existing ones.

SIGN program is ongoing. Free to seniors, \$25 to non seniors

EXERCISE ROOM DOORS are difficult to lift up and down to operate. Senator Humason has given a grant of \$5000 to each COA. Cindy told Karl Stinehart that we will help pay for the doors of necessary with some of that money. The Director of Maintenance is working on getting quotes and will present them to Mr. Stinehart.

FLU CLINIC will be September 26 by Big Y from 9:30am-11:30am.

READERS AND PEN PALS New principal is onboard with the program, so it will continue. Reading should be on Tuesday at 12:30.

Director Evaluation we received a copy of Cindy's goals and objectives to review. Paula wrote a recommendation to go with it.

COA Citizen Award criteria The Herb Pace award will be awarded in June. Nominations taken in April and COA votes in May. Criteria decided on as follows:

- Must be over 65

- Active in Southwick COA events and activities

- Staff not eligible

- Open to all Southwick COA participants

A small reception will be held to present the award

Nominations will be anonymous people will submit name and brief statement about why they think person should get award.

Updates on:

Classes: Will be \$2.00 see Finances.

Transportation: No update

Dining: Things going well

Brown Bag: Doing well. Bags being picked up since call made the day before.

Finances:

State increased amount per Senior from \$9.70 to \$12.00. which allows for the cut in cost for classes. Proposal to the BOS to increase hours for Denise in the dining room to 23 and add another duty besides the dining room.

Also receiving \$5000.00 from Senator Humason..

Old Business:

- Voting on Vice Chair next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00am by Donna , seconded by Theresa. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Monday, September 11 at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted, Carol Laughlin