



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Southwick
Council on Aging
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING Monday October 16, 2023 at 12:30pm

Meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc at 12:30 pm in the Land Use Room

Present: Paula LeBlanc, Donna Foisy, Carol Laughlin, Jack Pocai, Theresa Rogers, Associate member Elaine Boucher and Director Cindy Sullivan

Zoom: Carol Smith

Absent: Harvey Hollm and Associate Member Harriet Fischer

Public Participation - None

Minutes Reviewed:

September 2023 minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept by Jack Pocai and second by Theresa Rogers. Motion accepted by roll call vote.

New Business:

a. Jingle Bell Jubilee

To be held December 13, 2023. Food will be provided from Tuckers for a \$20 charge per attendee. Entertainment by the Rattletones at a cost of \$400 taken from line items from the formula grant. Staff will pay for their own meals and will also provide appetizers. Centerpieces are currently being made. Name tags will be issued at this event. Cindy Sullivan was able to purchase these in bulk.

1. Donna Charron Chance Raffle

December coming fast. We will need to canvas businesses for donations. Cindy Sullivan has list of previous donors and a letter will be provided to COA members who are willing to reach out to our local donors. Paula LeBlanc has offered to make gift baskets once again.

Update on Classes, Dining Room, Brown Bag, and Finance

1. Classes are going well.
2. Brown Bag small. Twenty five bags being done. Possibly some now going to the Food Bank.
3. Dining Room going well. Denise Hills-McGarry is back. New cabinet in and looking for some new coolers that would work better inside unit.
4. Finances are good. Received \$14 per senior from the state.

Old Business:

a. Pickle ball

Community Preservation Committee approved the request and will now go to vote at a Special Town meeting to be held sometime in December.

b. Halloween Party on Tuesday October 31, 2023

Sign up for lunch that day and dress-up in costumes. A prize will be awarded for best costume. Arbors will provide an ice cream social.

c. Chili Day Fundraiser Friends' Group

October 25 11:45am, \$5 donation for a Chili lunch. Bread, drink and dessert also provided. This is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Southwick Senior Center.

d. Cultural Council Grants applied for

Have applied for 3 grants.

- 1) Gerry Caruso – comedian.
- 2) Pastel Painting coming back.
- 3) Steve Henderson acting class for a ten week period.

e. Senior Center expansion

Will keep this in the forefront at each meeting for a bigger center.

Motion to adjourn at 12:50pm by Jack Poci and second by Theresa Rodgers. Motion accepted by roll call vote.

Next Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Foisy

