



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Southwick
Council on Aging
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING Monday September 11, 2023 at 12:30pm

Meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc at 12:32pm in the Land Use Room

Present: Paula LeBlanc, Donna Foisy, Harvey Holm, Carol Laughlin, Carol Smith, Jack Poci, Elaine Boucher, Associate member Harriet Fischer and Director Cindy Sullivan

Absent: Theresa Rogers

Public Participation - None

Minutes Reviewed

August 2023 minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept by Jack Poci and second by Carol Smith. Motion accepted by roll call vote.

New Business:

A. Flu Clinic

To be held October 5, 2023 from 9:00am to noon. Pre-registration in advance.

B. Halloween Party

October 31, 2023 Dress up and win a prize

C. Chili Day on October 25, 2023

Friends of the Senior Center will put on a chili lunch during regular lunch hours for a cost somewhere at \$3 or \$4. Date could change.

D. Grant Ideas for Cultural Council or other activities

Comedian or maybe skit by Steve Henderson's group

E. Christmas Party

Usually, the 2nd Wednesday in December which would be December 13, 2023. Would like the Rattletones for the party so need to see their availability which may change the date. Should start thinking of getting donations now.

Update on Classes, Dining Room, Brown Bag, and Finances:

1. Classes start up again Monday, September 11, 2023. Need at least 7 participants to keep classes doable. No interest in a tap class and only 2 participants interested in corn hole. Instructors pay has been increased to \$60 as there has not been an increase in ten years.
2. Dining Room Coordinator Denise Hills-McGarry currently out on medical. Looking into getting a cabinet to hide coolers and organize the area where coolers are kept. Possible cost \$1100-\$1200 and money is available in gift account. Board supports and accepted by Carol Laughlin and second by Paula LeBlanc.
3. Brown bag smaller.
4. Finances are good with more now due to formula increase.

Other New Business:

Name Tag Proposal

Donna Foisy has asked that name tags be used for large events.

Old Business:

A. Pickle ball

Starts again Thursday, September 14, 2023. There will not be any instructor however participants will help new participants with how to play and rules. Will be submitting grants for courts at Whalley Park and the Senior Center. Please try to support at Community Preservation Committee meeting on September 20, 2023 at 7:00pm.

B. Senior Center Space and Future Expansion

Keep in the forefront as people asking for bigger center.

Motion to adjourn at 1:07pm by Jack Poca and second by Carol Smith. Motion accepted by roll call vote.

Next Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2023 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Foisy

