

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Monday February 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlene Hamlin at 4:00 pm
Present: Mary Billion, Eileen Burke, Laurie Casolari, Carlene Hamlin, Grace Kelly, William Schenker, Janet Veitch

Excused: Sarah Gmeiner
Director Leslie Hennessey present

Visitors: Bruce Forcier, Barbara Crowley, Donna Robideau

MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 2018 meeting by ? seconded by ? and unanimously approved by the board

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Nominating Committee: the Board discussed whether need a nominating committee for new board members. Any individual with an interest can submit application to fill open board position. Nominating Committee not formed/ necessary at this time.
- B. Trivia tidbits for Town Reminder: no update

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. MySeniorCenter statistics review: Report will be provided quarterly
- B. Evening programming: Director Leslie Hennessey reported that plan to continue programming in evening. So far has been successful. Plan to also increase concurrent programming.

C. Awareness campaign: To promote new Senior Center need and benefit to South Hadley. Senator Rosenberg and Representative Scibak made request for FY 19 for \$1 million for South Hadley Senior Center project.

D. Mission statement review- the Board considering whether to keep target age group of >55 or to lower to >50. The Board discussed and decided to keep current >55 in mission statement.

E. COA Board of Directors Policy and Procedure updates

Policy and Procedures provided to board members at January meeting and reviewed. Vote called. A motion was made to approve by Carlene Hamlin, seconded by Grace Kelly and unanimously approved by the Board.

F. Discussions and Updates

1. Director Leslie Hennessey expressed need for new Board members after 3 members left recently. Sheila's resignation was tabled by the selectboard, she may be returning. Discussed methods of sharing need for new members with the community: newsletter, town website, Facebook posting was also suggested.

2. Director Leslie Hennessey provided update re: "Dinners on Dayton" COA fundraiser idea. Keith is asking the Friends group to host quarterly dinner. He will present idea at March 22nd meeting of the Friends Executive Board. Ira Brezinsky has offered his band as entertainment for these events.

3. Carlene Hamlin asked for update re: progress toward new Senior Center. Director Leslie Hennessey explained that focus on fundraising between now and May. In May, plan to request bond for building of new senior center. There is not a building committee yet (to be established at later date). Board discussed current conceptual design and whether size meets community needs. Director Leslie Hennessey indicated that concurrent programming and expanded hours will be used to maximize use of space/ offerings. Board Members requested more specific information (fact sheet) re: plan (ie. estimated project budget, etc.) before reaching out to community /town meeting members for support of the project. Director Leslie Hennessey acknowledged need.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:15 pm by Janet Veitch, seconded by William Schenker and unanimously approved by the Board.
The next meeting is April 9th, 2018 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Casolari, vice chairperson