

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Monday July 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm

Present: Laurie Casolari, Grace Kelly, Eileen Burke, William Schenker, Janet Veitch, new member Carol Constant

Excused: Mary Billion and Sarah Gmeiner

Director Leslie Hennessey present

Visitors: Bruce Forcier, Rita Starzyk, Drewey Darnell, Mary Boulais, Richard Stawasz, Janet Stawasz, Diane Mulvaney, Kim Prough

Minutes of May 2018 Meeting (to be submitted)

New Business:

Old Business:

Vacancies on the Board of Directors committee

3 vacancies

Director's Report:

A. COA Donation- Donation of \$10,000 by Donna Vining in memory of (her mom and 2 aunts) with funds to be used according to COA needs. Director Hennessey suggested use of funds \$2500 Memories Café, \$2500 Activities and \$5000 for new building fund.

Question raised re: donations (ie to new building fund) and naming opportunities

B. Falls Fest Table Coverage on Saturday July 28- COA in need of volunteers to staff table from 11:30 am to 5:30/6:00 pm in shifts of about 1 to 2 hrs each. Laurie C, Richard S and Janet S, William S and Janet V. volunteered

C. MySeniorCenter statistic review- Director Hennessey will provide full report at September meeting which will include the formula grant breakdown. Overall has seen an increase in attendance (5.8%). The centers minibus has started going to Pricerite, Walgreens and CVS in Chicopee (by request of seniors).

D. Evening Programming- good attendance for activities such as jewelry and card making. Slowly catching on but still limited participation with other events (? Due to summer). Plan to decrease number of evening activities in fall and winter.

Fitness Center (mainly daytime)- Paris is doing 1-2 orientations/ wk and Ryan Davis is leading workout in Center 1x/wk (going well).

E. Senior Center Building Committee Update- includes Richard ?, Rick Pio, Linda Young Diane Mulvaney, Carol Constant, Mike Sidell, Jeff Cyr, Ted Bolais and individual from appropriations (to be named). Architect will meet with committee this Thursday evening. William S. asked if needs to go out to bid. Director Hennessey met with and gave tour of current senior center to some building committee members- went well.

F. September Event- Fundraising Committee represented by Kim Prough and Diane Mulvaney. Update provided re: fundraising / kick off event September 22, 2018 from 1 to 6 pm at Buttery Brook Park (barbeque, live music, raffles). Tickets are available \$50 per adult, \$10 children 10 and under.

There is also a separate Capital Campaign Committee.

G. Discussion and Updates- Drewey asked Director Hennessey if she has communicated with other area senior centers re: evening events. The Director indicated that she has talked with others about evening programming and staffing. Staff hours may be shifted to cover evening programs / however need to ensure adequate staffing for daytime needs. Evening programming is currently offered one evening per week at South Hadley senior center. Carol Constant offered to lead an evening event – a book group (? Start in September). Carol will follow up with Director Hennessey and Nancy (volunteer coordinator).

Next Meeting: Usually held the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 pm unless a Holiday

Motion for next meeting date of September 17 at 4 pm made by Carol C. seconded and unanimously approved by the board.

Motion to adjourn was made at ? pm by Laurie C. seconded and unanimously approved by the board

