

Robert Pueschel, Chairperson
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LESLIE HENNESSEY, Director

SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
Hybrid Board of Director's Meeting—April 11, 2022
Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Chairperson Robert Pueschel

Roll Call: Carol Constant, Marsha Chapell, Rachel Tierney, Marilyn Ishler, Pamela Peck, Jim Bosman, Robert Pueschel, Liane Pueschel

Guest: Kim Prough

Present: Leslie Hennessey, Director

Open Forum: No issues for discussion

Approval of March 2022 Minutes: No additions or corrections. Motion to approve By Marsha Chapell and seconded by Pamela Peck. All were in favor.

New Business

a. WalkMass Challenge

- Statewide initiative to get people walking
- Senior Center kickoff May 10th
- Intergenerational
- Visit WalkMass Challenge website for information
- 4 challenges
- COA has potential to win up to \$1000
- Can register online. Presently having trouble with the website. Once corrected, Board members and seniors will be notified

b. Photos of Board Members for Volunteer Appreciation Event

- Requesting that all volunteers and Board Members have their photo taken so they can be put on Facebook and on a poster for this upcoming event
- Call Leslie to make an appointment

Old Business

a. Age and Dementia Friendly Update

- Our small group is scheduled to meet on 4/12 to discuss the Senior Center's accomplishments. Jim Bosman has joined the group. Will discuss what to do to move forward on designated goals
- Larger group will meet on 4/19
- Falls prevention group has very good programming (i.e. home assessments for fall hazards, fitness programs to prevent falls). Appointments for assessments have been difficult to obtain. Forms filled out by interested parties, but have not received a call back. The Director will check on this.
- Discussion on 'lock boxes'

b. Friends of the South Hadley Seniors Updates

- Handbag Bingo scheduled for 4/29—265 have signed up
- Pickleball Courts –Very close to being ready. Seeking funding to finish the lighting. At present \$96,000 has been raised for this project. Probably ready by mid to late summer.

Director's Report

A. Operations: Senior Center

i. Attendance

- Definitely up
- Need to encourage seniors who check in at the Woodlawn Café to see what the Senior Center is all about

ii. COVID-19 Updates

- No capacity limits as of mid-April
- Masks are encouraged, but not mandated

iii. Transportation Program

- Now free
- Has been an increase in the use of the minibus
- Using EV for many transportation needs
- Will be doing monthly excursions
- Farmers' Market June through October. Coupons for the markets will be available for those who qualify

iv. Fitness Class Dues

- Fitness fees are presently \$3 per class.
- Considering lowering the fees using money from a Formula Grant and the New Senior Center Fund
- A spread sheet was presented by the Director with the various fee options
- Discussion followed and ideas presented. The Director will consider the input and make the decision. There is also a Wellness Scholarship for those in financial need.
- Some hybrid fitness classes are still available on ZOOM, with donations requested.

B. Other Updates

- The COA has received approval to name the Senior Center as 'Woodlawn Park'
- The new Mission Statement for the Senior Center will appear in the May Newsletter

Next meeting: May 9th

Motion to adjourn by Carol Constant and seconded by Marsha Chapell

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Liane Pueschel, Secretary