

Robert Pueschel, Chairperson  
Marilyn Ishler, Vice Chairperson  
Liane Pueschel, Secretary

LESLIE HENNESSEY, Director

South Hadley Council on Aging  
Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting – June 13, 2022  
Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Vice Chair Marilyn Ishler

**ROLL CALL:** Jim Bosman, Carol Constant, Marsha Chapell, Marilyn Ishler, Pamela Peck

**ABSENT:** Robert & Liane Pueschel

**GUEST:** Kim Prough

**PRESENT:** Leslie Hennessey, Director

**OPEN FORUM:** No items for discussion

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** May 2022 Minutes: No additions or corrections. Motion to approve by Carol Constant and seconded by Rachel Tierney. All were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was information re: LGBTQ training for staff and volunteers from Director Hennessey. Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) stated that the training is mandatory. Director Hennessey explained that it is difficult to mandate that volunteers must take the training which is available on-line. There have been small groups of volunteers who have taken the training at the Senior Center. The training must be completed by June 30,2022. There was discussion re: nomination committee for the three officers of the Board of Directors which is a one-year term. The current term for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary expires June 30,2022. All three officers (Chair Robert Pueschel, Vice Chair Marilyn Ishler and Secretary Liane Pueschel) agreed to continue for another term. No vote was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director Hennessey announced that all classes will be free in June to commemorate the anniversary of the COA. Fees will be charged as of July 1,2022. All \$3 classes will be \$2. All \$5 classes will be \$4 (fitness training, art classes etc.). A wellness grant is available for those who cannot afford the fees. More info and financial qualifying will be in the newsletter.

The WalkMass Challenge will kickoff at the Senior Center May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM with light refreshments. A representative from Mass COA will be in attendance. This challenge is to get to get more people walking and recommend joining Senior Center Social Strollers.

**AGE AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY UPDATE**

A meeting was held with the Town Administrator to discuss initiatives going forward. The COA Director should only be responsible for what pertains to the COA. There is a need for departments to form a Steering Committee comprised of individuals interested in this project who can share their ideas from their perspective.

#### FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH HADLEY SENIORS UPDATE

The Handbag Bingo evening was packed, \$17,500 was raised; 20% more than last year. Health Fair giveaways will be June 14<sup>th</sup>. Ice Cream Social (free) at McCray's will be July 12, 2022. Sarah the Fiddler will perform. Pickelball is on target for mid-July. The Friends will purchase paper goods and coffee for the month of June (Anniversary month). The Friends are interested in setting up programs for LGBTQ community.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

**OPERATIONS:** There have been enough ads sold for the newsletter to add 4 pages.

Down 2 staff positions in May.

42 vendors will be at the health fair.

**SUMMER PROGRAMING:** Concerts will be held on the patio, posters around town.

June 21 Jazz Quartet from Berkshire Academy; ice cream from All Star Dairy.

July Premier Swing & Dance Band/Learn to Swing Class

August Noah Lis from "The Voice"

JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY OF THE COA. Free cupcakes and coffee at the Woodlawn Café.

BIKE WALK AND MASSWALK CHALLENGE will share publicity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Transportation (free) 105 rides in March, 152 in April, 89 as of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Daily Attendance 81 as of May 6<sup>th</sup>, seeing more traffic at Woodlawn Café, attendance is up in fitness center and throughout building.

Suggestion Box concerns regarding etiquette in fitness class (cell phones etc) signs posted. Request for clock in common area (ordered). ? popcorn machine for movies. Will check with Board of Health.

Next meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Location TBA.

Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Ishler and seconded by Jim Bosman.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Ishler