

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2024 @ 1:00 PM

In Person Meeting @ Greenfield Senior Center

COA Members present: Chair, Peg Saulnier, Michelle DeLisio, Randie Handleman, Janice Colbert, Margot Peck, Linda Smith and Margo Townley

Absence: Karen McCormack, Pat Jordan

Staff present: Kathy Dunn, Hope Macary, MaryAnn Socquet

Life Path Representative: Michelle DeLisio

Peg Saulnier called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Secretary: The minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting were distributed to the board members via email from MaryAnn Socquet.

Corrections: There were no corrections.

Correspondence: Three pieces of correspondence were read. The first was a Christmas card from DelRay. The second was a thank you card from Mayor Ginny Desorgher. The third was a thank you note from Big Y.

Treasurer: Per Linda Smith, the petty cash is in balance

Staff:

Hope Macary

The Age Friendly Project has produced a booklet was mailed to seniors in late 2023.

The Digital Equity Grant has distributed 49 iPads with one let on site for teaching purposes. The grant ends in December 2024. The classes are now opened to the public.

Senior Tax Work Off ended on November 30, 2023. The aggregate earned \$23,452. The new season will begin this spring with a kick off meeting in early March. The coming season will run with the same timeline and the amount will be increased to \$2,000. The season after that will have an earning time of ten months, increased from five months.

Brown Bag has returned to the Weldon House to serve more seniors and eliminate lunch disruptions at the Senior Center.

The Director and Activity Director have been covering the duties of the Finance Director in her absence.

FY25 budget submission of \$174,000 has been submitted for review by the mayor.

Kathy Dunn

Programs available:

Partnership with Powerback Rehab BP clinic, first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Tax assistance again this year with Todd Cromack in March.

Community Action in person appointments

February program with FRTA explaining the routes, etc.

Programming for a summer/fall music series, three in total in conjunction with the Cultural Council. Allotment of \$250 per program.

Hospice series monthly by Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Strength in Numbers, six week Fall Prevention Program sponsored by Eversource.

Tech Classes added for Greenfield Senior aged 60+

Community Partnerships FY24

Arbors of Greenfield

Cooley Dickinson VNA & Hospice 2024 programs

FRTA

GCC

Greenfield Health Department

LifePath

Linda Manor

Powerback Rehabilitation

Kathy has completed the requirements for her fitness recertification for 2 years. Her Senior Fitness Specialty Certification is complete.

MaryAnn Socquet

Presented current financial reports. The money for donations for books, cards, puzzles, etc will no longer be recorded at the front desk. The donations will be put in a donation box.

By-Laws Committee Report by Randie Handlemann– almost at the end. The revised document should be presented to the COA soon.

Announcements – Linda Smith informed us she was interviewed by her grandson about her involvement in the community. We are encouraged to see the interest of the younger generation in civil service.

Janice Colbert made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Linda Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Margot Peck