**SCITUATE COUNCIL ON AGING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 5:30PM**

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Chair J.D. Miller, Vice-Chair Susan Drevitch Kelly, Board members: Janice Lindblom, Dee Dwyer, Leslie James, Laurie Brady, Marie Fricker, Pat Carleton and Susan Pope.

Senior Center Director: Linda (Hayes) Kelly, Activities Coordinator: Jessica Souke

Liaisons: South Shore Elder Services: Joan Powers. FOSS: Elaine Schembari

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM; followed by brief introductions. Motion was made to approve and accept February 2023 minutes.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Evening/Outside Use of Senior Center for February

 Electricity Presentation had more than 160 people in attendance.

 Veterans Advisory Council w/Zoom for proposed veteran statue proposal for the town of Scituate. Community presentation is scheduled for April 12 at the SSC.

 Legal Mediation for the Town of Scituate (4 breakouts)

 Scituate Police Department held a Valentine themed luncheon for seniors. Fred cooked with the help of Camron and his wife.

 School Superintendent Building Committee scheduled 2 informational meetings at Senior Center.

 Scituate Visitor Center has 2 collaboration meetings scheduled for Senior Center.

 Last of the winter film series for the 3 Sister City committees with Belfast was held.

 Jessica hosted a tour of our center for the Town of Hingham which included the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Select Board Chair, COA Board Chair and Director.

Other/Miscellaneous

 Pickleball – There is a large volume of players. They have requested extra time. May have to adjust age requirements. Being mindful of including new players.

 Badminton – We have not been tracking participation, but will try to start (this has not been regulated for age or adding into system).

 Collaboration with Rotary for speaker Brett Miller following Parkinson’s SG on March 21.

 Custodian list for special activities, events, room changes.

 Tax Work off Program – Applications and placements. The High School Cafeteria has been suggested and will be submitted to the Assessors office. There are 23-24 out of 30 spots taken.

 Social Day Program – Jen is very capable at managing the in-takes and assessment of applicants. There are 6 people as of now with the possibility of 2 more starting a trial.

 No action on dimmers.

 We are having a mock sign made up by David Hassan to temporarily try out placement for Logo sign in the parking lot or near the entrance.

Meeting:

 The center is very busy with phone calls, impromptu meetings and overall scheduling.

 GATRA Advisory Board – Director is happy with the mid-February numbers for new on demand service. No issues thus far.

Personnel:

 Kelly Walsh started as of March 5. Jill had been doing most of the scheduling since December. Reporting and troubleshooting had been in Linda’s hands. Looking to interview more drivers.

 Outreach position open as of March 24 as Erin has given her notice.

ACTIVITY/VOLUNTEER REPORT

 Jessica went over her report for February 2023. She went over numbers for different programs. A volunteer report was given. All volunteers should be checking in each time. We also now have 2 high school tech students helping us out for “Tech Time Tuesdays”. Volunteer luncheon is being planned for June. Men’s breakfast has been busy. Upcoming events were discussed. We have upcoming workshops including tax prep, How to Age Successfully, What’s on Your Plate, and Protect your Memory. Also, Big Bus Trips are back for spring!

FOSS – ELAINE SCHEMBARI

 The first general meeting was to take place on March 21. There are 2 activities in the works—The Incredible May West performance, and a Family Fun Day which will include antique cars, a cookout and games. Also, the tree for Betty Johnson has been planted.

SSES – JOAN POWERS

 Joan gave a detailed report of the March 7 meeting. They are looking into getting more men involved. Community dinner at St. Lukes Church was set for March 26.

SCITUATE COA ACCREDITATION

 Discussion on where the different groups are. Linda is hoping to get information from other accredited towns to help us file our reports. Our deadline is June 30, 2023.

NEXT COA MEETING SET FOR APRIL 13, 2023

MEETING ADJORNED AT 6:30 PM