

Danvers Council on Aging

Board of Directors Meeting

March 24, 2022

Present: Gerri Cosgrove, Marge Leonard, David Mills, CR Lyons, and Director Pam Parkinson

Excused: Barbara Remon, Larry Chisholm & Don Gates

Geri Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Pam Parkinson said Barbara Remon has decided to resign from the board. David Mills suggested Bobby Wilson who was with NSES and that he would be a top-notch guy. Pam said we will discuss suggestions at our next meeting.

Minutes of November 18, 2021 were reviewed. Marge Leonard moved to accept the minutes. CR Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Fiscal Update:**

Pam reviewed the November & December 2021 and January, & February 2022 fiscal updates with board members. The revenue we had after covid for daycare, medical & shopping transportation was down significantly.

**New Business:**

Pam is meeting with Finance Director, Rodney Conley regarding the ARAP Fund Subsidize loss of revenue being given because of covid and we were not included. Pam asked to meet with Rodney to show that our program is extremely significant. Pam said she will forward information with the minutes.

CR Lyons said he would like detail information of what we are using ARPA funds for and said he would be given information at the Finance Committee meeting. CR suggested going up to \$5 per ride donation. He suggested sending the Chairperson from both FDCOA and DCOA boards to meet with the Finance Committee to voice their concerns regarding needing funds for programs.

David Mills suggested to have our request put on the Selectmen's agenda at an upcoming meeting and Pam could meet with Selectmen regarding concerns.

Pam said she is looking for a speaker for the Men's Club in April. David Mills suggested Cathy Ellsworth. CR said he would like to speak but will need to wait until September. Pam asked board members to email her with any speaker suggestions.

We are getting back up to full steam with our gatherings. For St. Patrick's Day we offered the option to either dine in or drive thru for lunch. The drive in was limited to four people per table. We are gradually working towards having more dine in lunches and lessen the drive thru lunches.

**Old Business:**

The Supportive Day Program is not back to full capacity due to people moving onto long-term facilities and passing away (not due to covid). We are doing a lot of outreach effort to respite facilities and reminding people that we are here, and our program is \$45 per day which includes breakfast, lunch and snack & that transportation is available for Danvers residents.

Geri asked where we are with the café. Pam said we will table the café until the fall and budget season and Pam will talk to the selectmen about it.

Pam said the Friends have been supportive and generous and do a lot to subsidize funds for things we need.

**Friends of the DCOA Report:**

The FDCOA Board of Directors met last week. They are looking into getting the senior center a debit card thru their membership account, so staff doesn't have to use their own personal credit card and then get reimbursed for purchases of food for breakfast for social seniors. Pam said Dan Bennett is looking into this.

The Transportation Fundraiser made \$3,000. We had 3 winners. 1<sup>st</sup> place was over \$700 in gift cards, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was over \$445 in gift cards and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was \$350 in gift cards.

The FDCOA Board also discussed appropriated funds for landscaping.

The Friends have been supporting us a lot and been very generous to subsidize funds for things that we need.

Geri Cosgrove motioned to adjourn meeting. CR Lyons seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Lorene Machado for Secretary