

Danvers Council on Aging  
Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2022

Present: Gerri Cosgrove, Don Gates, Larry Chisholm, Marge Leonard, David Mills, CR Lyons, Assistant Director, Maureen Howlett and Director, Pam Parkinson

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

Minutes of March 24, 2022 were reviewed. CR Lyons moved to accept the minutes. Marge Leonard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Fiscal Update:**

Pam reviewed March and April fiscal updates with board members.

**New Business:**

The Directors recommended Sandra Ciruolo to join the Danvers Council on Aging Board of Directors.

Men's Club speaker for June will be Sheryl Meehan with Care Dimensions. She is also a volunteer coordinator for Hospice. CR Lyons suggested Dan Gagnon, who is a Danvers resident and Town Meeting member, as a future speaker. Dan is an author who wrote about the witch trials. CR gave Pam Dan's contact information to reach out to him regarding a future date. David Mills suggested Kelly Rayos, the Town's Veteran's Agent, and Bill Nicholson as speakers for an upcoming meeting. Pam said she could also ask Barbara Remon and Maureen Howlett who could talk about the Food Pantry. We will be taking a two month break on the Men's Club for the summer and then resuming in September.

David Mills said the Beverly COA had a meeting on inclusion for people in Beverly. He suggested we could do this at our senior center and use the great room. June would be a good month to meet. We could invite the LGBTQ community and their families to have a "Senior Conversation". Maureen said she would be interested in how Beverly advertised for their meeting. Dave said he would reach out to Jasmine Ramon, Director of Equity and Inclusion. Pam said she will reach out to the Beverly Council on Aging Director as well.

A new van driver has been hired. He is a very nice gentleman. Yesterday, our longest driver, resigned. We have a few leads on a few newly retired people who may be interested in working for us part time.

Element Care had stopped in March 2020 and just started back March 2022. We are back transporting their clients again.

**Old Business:**

Pam discussed a snapshot that she provided to the board that showed the loss of revenue in both the Program and Transportation Revolving Accounts Pre Covid and during Covid and how it shows we should qualify to be receiving ARAP funds.

**Friends of the DCOA Report:**

The Annual Meeting was held yesterday. Jan Tipert has resigned from the board and Jon Younger will be replacing her. Chris Littlefield with Best of Care will be the new Member at Large.

Geri Cosgrove motioned to adjourn meeting. Don Gates seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Lorene Machado for Secretary