

SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting—January 10, 2022
Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:37pm by Chairperson, Robert Pueschel

Roll Call: Carol Constant, Liane Pueschel, Robert Pueschel, Rachel Tierney, Jim Bosman

Absent: Marsha Chappel, Marilyn Ishler, Pamela Peck

Guests: Kim Prough, Janet Stawasz

Present: Leslie Hennessey, Director

Open Forum: Comments on how impressive the Newsletter is with the amount of activities offered.

Approval of December 2021 Minutes: 2 corrections...Change date from January 17th to January 19th for Age - Dementia Friendly meeting; The Friends 'purchased' not 'subsidized' Corn Hole supplies and items for various games. Motion to accept the Minutes as amended by Jim Bosman and seconded by Carol Constant. Motion passed with one abstention.

New Business:

a. Mission Statement Review

- 6 mission statements were submitted for review
- Discussion followed regarding Council on Aging vs. Senior Center terminology in the mission statement. Will research.....
- Decided to table the decision on the Mission Statement until the next Board meeting
- Mission Statement Committee will meet again to review the statements and then make a recommendation to the Board in February.

Old Business:

a. Electric Car

- 2 dealerships were visited in the past week, bringing the total number to 4. Taking into consideration warranty status, the Hyundai Kona, Kia EV-6, and Ford MACH- E are options.
- Dealerships will be visited at the discretion of the Director. Visits will also be dependent upon on-site availability of the car. Bob Pueschel will coordinate.

b. EV Stations at Center

- Fully operational
- EV station Charge Point was online prematurely and users were not being charged a fee. This has been remedied
- Re: retractable hoses ...they were not included in the Grant for the charging stations
- Discussion regarding where buses and EV would be moved during a snowstorm

c. Age and Dementia Friendly Update

Eager to move forward...ZOOM meeting on January 19th.

- d. 45 Dayton Street reference:
- More than just a Senior Center. Ideas discussed.
 - The property, as a park, has activities for all ages, and is owned by the Town.
 - Possible name: 'The Senior Center at Woodlawn Park'. This was well received by the Board.
 - Carol Constant will pursue with the Town
 - Decided not to seek input of ideas from the Seniors at the Center as previously discussed
- e. Friends of the South Hadley Seniors Updates—Kim Prough
- Soup and Popover 2/16
 - Quilt Raffle 2/15
 - St. Patrick Day lunch 3/15 (catered by Loomis)
 - Hybrid bingo with prizes funded by the Friends
 - Kim spoke of the value of The Friends volunteers
 - Membership Drive in progress

Director's Report

- A. Operations: Senior Center
- I Covid-19: COA Response and protocols—
- Senior Center was closed from 12/30-1/7 due to increase in cases
 - Adapted some programs to be Covid-friendly
 - No card games or close contact services
 - Will slowly ramp up as cases decline
 - Meals remain at curbside for pick-up
 - Transportation services continue
- ii Program Coordinator— Sandra Farnsworth on staff as of 1/3
- iii Surveys for Tech Classes and Lifelong Learning Series
- Four tech classes scheduled in February.....Android phone, Smart phone, android iPad, and regular iPad
 - Responses to Lifelong Learning were great. They will be shared with Mt. Holyoke College, with classes beginning in March or mid-April
- Iv Capacity Limits
- January and February: large events will be limited to 30
 - They will be shown live on Channel 15
 - Much clearer when viewed on computer which may require instruction for some users

Next meeting: February 14, 2022

Motion to adjourn by Rachel Tierney and seconded by Jim Bosman

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Liane Pueschel, Secretary