

Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020

231 Maple Road Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair George Shea, Secretary Ellie Tyson, John Bowen, Saul Finestone, Phil Hallahan, Marge Morgan, Julia Moulton, Rose Morace, Eleanor Stolar, Judy Yaffe, and new member Dan Komaiszko

Absent: Fran Miffitt, Marybeth Bergeron, Theresa Yesu.

Guest: Robin Frechette

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am. George introduced Dan to the council.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December were approved as written.

Reports:

a. **Select board:** Marie was not available.

b. **State Representative office:** A bill brought to the Senate regarding abuse against elders. Another bill regarding "hands free" while driving will be implemented in March 2020.

c. **Director's:** Jim passed out information to the council for the month of December 2019. A question on Meals on Wheels as to how long the center had this program. Jim stated since 2013. Judy would like to see a graph made showing what months the program has done well in the past and what it is doing in the present.

d. **Treasurer's:** Jim passed out the report with current balances on revolving accounts. We are in good standing at this time.

e. **FOLOCA:** There was no meeting. We are in need of a representative to attend the meetings, as Marilyn is out of state at this time. Julie said she would be glad to fill in and attend the meetings.

f. **GSSSI:** No report available.

g. **Building Committee:** Marybeth was absent.

h. **Advocacy:** Nothing to report.

New Business:

a. **The Council Trust Fund Accounts:** These funds are to be used in the new center. Names from the accounts will be placed in the building to recognize those who donated. Eleanor noted perhaps to suggest to the select board when making decisions regarding seniors in Longmeadow to come before the board for suggestions.

Old Business:

a. **Per Diem Van Driver Position:** The goal is to hire at least 2 drivers possibly 3 to help with trips and their salaries would be paid out of the revolving account. They would be paid by the hour. One has already been retained.

b. **Annual Report:** Due 2020. A highlight of what we have done throughout the year 2019.

c. **New Longmeadow Adult Center Strategic Plan and Goals:** The committee consists of Phil, Julie, Marge, Eleanor and Judy. This committee is working to develop effective communication, and policy and procedure of the new center. The three areas of concentration they have to choose are: Management, Product (programs and services), and Finance.

d. FY2021 Budget: Asked for \$190,000 in the new budget. We will need new part time people for evening programs and new hours for the center also, grounds and maintenance staff. Jim has met with the new Town Manager, Lynn Simmons, who will be coming to our next COA meeting.

e. Senior Housing and Transportation Task Force: Applications are being accepted for positions on this committee. The COA nominated George and Phil and from the center, Jim and Erin. There has not been a meeting as yet. A suggestion of John speaking to Chris Carr to see if he would be interested in joining the task force. Applications should be in by January 15th, 2020. George would like Marybeth to list the people on the committee of the Longmeadow Adult Community Center Funding INC. when she is available.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectively submitted

Ellie Tyson, Secretary