

Council on Aging Board of Directors Remote Meeting

October 15, 2020

Present: Director Jim Leyden, Chair George Shea, Vice Chair Fran Miffitt, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Marybeth Bergeron, John Bowen, Saul Finestone, Marjorie Morgan, Rose Morace, Eleanor Stolar, Judy Yaffe, Theresa Yesu

Guest: Robin Frechette

Absent: Phil Hallahan, Jan Komaiszko, Julia Moulton, Marilyn Hurst

Welcome: George called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from September 17th were approved.

Reports:

Select Board: We do not have a liaison from the select board as yet.

State Representative: Robin noted that at this time the state has not passed the budget. We are doing a month by month budget and this will continue until after the election in November.

Director's: The report was sent out to all; and there was no discussion.

Treasurer's Report: A report for the month of October was passed to all.

FOLOCA: George spoke regarding a covering of some sort for the new van in bad weather. Marge mentioned there might be storage close by the neighborhood, however, Marybeth noted that the height of the vehicle was a problem. There could be a facility in East Longmeadow with large storage space to hold the van. Marybeth also noted that she had taken members of FOLOCA on a tour of the new center. Any member interested she would be glad to take on a tour. Rose said she went on Youtube and was able to see the tour.

GSSI: Fran noted that next week will be their meeting.

Building Committee: The building is moving along very well. The process for looking for furnishings is taking place. The interior of the gym floor is not in as yet, but dry wall is done. Marybeth noted it will be a beautiful building.

Advocacy: Nothing to report. Eleanor wondered when the track around the gym would be ready for use. We could be in by February 1st, but a lot will depend on COVID. We will have a grand opening before being open to the public. Judy stated that she took the tour and it is a beautiful building. She recommends we should all go on a tour.

Old Business:

- a. Meals on wheels update; Jim noted 75-80 recipients in the program. The kitchen is doing a great job.
- b. Food Pantry update: The pantry is open Friday 9am-1pm. Marybeth noted that at the Big Y there is a box for donations to the food pantry. Jim said they also still accept donations at the center.

- c. Virtual programming: George complemented Lindsey on her virtual programming. Her goal is to cover program interests, wellness trips, etc., covering all age groups. For the tours in the new building there were 182 views. The paring with the town library has also been helping with the programming. Also, collaborating with on line courses from the JCC.
- d. Outreach Coordinator position: Jim stated they were working on it. Hopefully by our next meeting we will have the position filled. Regarding furloughs in the office they will be extended until the new building is open. Theresa would like to have the pages numbered on all documents sent out by email. Jim said this could be done.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 10:24am.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Tyson