

Ellen Eller

SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – FEB. 8, 2024

Present: Doug Field, Mary Mosley, Wayne Wickland, Janice Wright (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel, Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Christine Baronas, Suzanne E. Bishop, Nancy E. Brewer, Penny Spearance (Shelburne); Director Juli Moreno. Absent: Sylvia Smith, Regina Purinton.

Chair Nancy Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:00.

Penny Spearance moved to accept the minutes of the January 2024 meeting with corrections. Doug Field seconded the motion, which carried with one abstention.

Treasurer Sue Bishop reported that all expenses are normal; including higher oil cost.

In her Director's report Juli Moreno said new programs such as "Astounding Writers" and the "Never Alone" peer group are growing. She attends the LifePath Advisory Council monthly meeting; also went to a LifePath-sponsored roundtable with Secretary Chen to discuss challenges seniors face. She said we're making progress with the hybrid programming grant; many activities that the Center offers, such as Bones & Balance, are doubling in size as people look for Wellness programs.

Outreach Coordinator Teddy Doucette continues to make home visits and check-in calls; Activities Coordinator Dot Lyman reported the month's two To-Go Meals served 114 people; Transportation Coordinator Bob Szafran reported that his team logged in 2629 miles, providing 88 Medical rides, 100 shopping trips and 16 other transports.

In the budget discussion that followed, Juli noted she's trying to decrease financial burden on the towns. She applies formula grants mostly to cover her salary and Teddy's. Someone asked whether the annual \$10,000 we receive from the Senior Center Foundation (SCF) covers the Newsletter; what other expenses does it cover and how do we access funds.

Christine Baronas, from Shelburne, was introduced as a new Shelburne representative to the Board of Managers (BOM). Ashfield also now has two reps, Amy Shapiro and Todd Olenyk, and Regina Purinton has stepped up for Buckland. Sylvia Smith said the BOM will start having monthly meetings; she will serve as Pro Temp Convener; Janice Fleuriel will serve as Pro Temp Note Taker. Juli volunteered to be the "bridge" between Managers and COAs.

Ashfield will have speakers at their upcoming luncheons. Buckland is trying to work with the town administrator to arrange improvements to town hall's audio system using Mass-in-Motion funds. The three towns' COAs are coordinating a Game Night at the Center in March and planning an ice cream social, with music, in May.

Nancy Brewer gave the SCF report: the recent Appeal brought in a little over \$11,000; the mailing itself cost \$2000. Current assets: \$271,860.

Janice Fleuriel moved to adjourn the meeting; Joanne Soroka seconded. We adjourned at 3:55.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Eller