

SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JUNE 8, 2023

Present: Janice Fleuriel (Buckland); Doug Field (Ashfield); Suzanne E. Bishop; Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Nancy E. Brewer; Penny Spearance (Shelburne); Sylvia Smith (Shelburne); Mary Mosley (Ashfield); Director Juli Moreno.

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

Joanne moved to accept the May 2023 minutes and Penny seconded; passed with 1 abstention.

Penny asked about spending restrictions for legally earmarked funds. Sylvia explained there is a bond bill for the consortium, and she will follow up and provide clarification re: spending.

Treasurer's Report -- Suzanne Bishop:

- Costs for certain supplies are slightly over, but it's not a concern.
- Juli mentioned she is still planning how to spend some surplus funds.
- Juli mentioned she is negotiating with the Masons over insurance, security, and other costs such as sewer and snow removal. The Masons used to pay 10% until their new lease was written to pay nothing—there is 1 more year on the lease. Joanne suggested that the Center consider charging for use of the kitchen.

Director's Report – Juli Moreno (printout provided):

- The chairs being reupholstered should be back soon.
- The Center is starting to have food with events again (e.g., for the craft group), but is not ready yet for large groups (e.g., 60).
- The Center has been getting partnership interests from various organizations.
- The digital equity grant was submitted and is under review.
- The library grant targeting senior services was received; there will be a community forum at the Center in July.
- Some activities, such as yoga, may slow over the summer. Other activities getting a lot of interest include the DIY craft group, social history presentation preparation, and the adventure club with different events scheduled for each month.
- Juli purchased lettered t-shirts for board and volunteers.
- Joanne suggested that each CoA have its own banner, similar to what Buckland created for its June 14 ice cream social; other CoAs agreed and Juli said the Center would pay.
- Juli is looking at a better phone system.
- Teddy Doucette completed his SHINE training.
- Bob Manners is the new liaison with the town.
- Nancy Brewer thanked Juli on behalf of the board for making so much happen.

Committee Reports

- Sylvia reported that she, Joanne, and Janice Wright have been working on a Board of Managers (BOM) job description.

- Sylvia distributed a draft of “Service Opportunity” text for recruiting BOM members. The committee will finalize it based on the group’s input and take it to each Town Administrator to give to the selectboard. The committee will send this as a postcard to all residents. Nancy reported the Senior Center Foundation will fund the mailing.

COA reports

- Doug reported Ashfield is having a picnic at Ashfield Lake July 6; the COA is hoping Neighbors store will provide food.
- Mary reported she would be meeting Wed. June 14 with a group of Ashfield residents who live alone.
- Joanne reported that Buckland was having an ice cream social Wed., June 14 to bring seniors together to discuss ideas for using the town’s Age- and Dementia-Friendly Communities funds through the Mass in Motion Initiative.
- Shelburne had no report this month.

Senior Center Foundation report – Nancy Brewer:

- The Foundation Treasurer stepped down, so there was no financial report. Peter Otten is the new treasurer.
- The next meeting is Sept. 14.

Nomination of Officers

- Penny nominated the current slate to continue and Joanne seconded; passed unanimously.
- The board will vote on the slate at the July meeting.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- Juli reported that she and Bob will be advocating for more money from FRTA.
- Juli mentioned there is a line in the FRTA contract that forbids drivers to carry bags for elders; the Center is thinking about asking the Shelburne Selectboard about advocating to have that be at a driver’s discretion. Shelburne pays the liability for drivers.

Suzanne moved to adjourn and Doug Field seconded; passed unanimously.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 13th, 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Fleuriel

*Approved ✓ correction noted
7/13/2023*