

Danvers Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2017

Present: Gerri Cosgrove, Kathy Sheridan, Larry Chisholm, Marge Leonard, Bob Sosnowski, Joe Palmer, John Keohane and Pam Parkinson.

Excused: Don Gates & Bob King

Minutes of June 15, 2017 were reviewed. Larry Chisholm moved to accept the minutes. John Keohane seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fiscal Update:

Pam reviewed the fiscal updates for July, August & September with board members.

Old Business:

The Support Day Program is doing well. The program currently has 4 people on the wait list. We are averaging 10 clients per day with our goal being 12 per day. The program is self-supportive and has generated revenue to help with expenses.

The Henry's Evening Dinner for Sept. 14th had a low turnout of about 50 people. The post office delaying getting the newsletters out until 9/11/17 which may have contributed to the low turnout. The next Henry's Dinner will be the Harvest Ball on Thursday, Oct. 26th. The menu will be roasted pork loin with scalloped apples, roasted potatoes, green beans and Boston cream pie.

John Keohane reported on the Men's Club met on Sept. 18th and had 25 in attendance. A young man of 91, Larry Comeau, spoke about blimps. He did a good job. The Men's Club is doing well with a lot of returnees. John suggested a wine tasting for an upcoming meeting. Pam said she is looking to get a few licenses for liquor approved at the next selectmen's meeting so she does not have to keep going every time we wish to offer beer and wine at an event. The next Men's Club will be on Monday Oct. 16th. It will be an Oktoberfest menu theme. Pam will look into the liquor license for beer for the meeting.

New Business:

Cathy Andre came up with an idea for the Harvest Ball to have a Scarecrow Contest. A letter was sent to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities to donate a scarecrow. The entry fee is \$50. We invited 22 facilities. The scarecrows will be on display around the Senior Center for judging. Voting will be from Oct. 10th – Oct 26th.

We were approved for a new van from Mass Dot. It is a MVA by Chevy. It is a 6-passenger van which can accommodate up to 2 wheel chairs.

Marge Leonard asked how the volunteer driving program was going. Lorene reported that it is going well. We average 3-5 rides per week and currently have 5 volunteers. Marge asked about insurance coverage. Pam said the drivers have their own insurance and the town is working on an additional umbrella insurance.

Pam applied for the Pillsbury grant again. We have used the funds towards the Social Day Program to help attendees that are Danvers residents pay for the program. Pam has \$12,000 left which should last another year. We are now looking to use new grant to improve the meals. The current lunch program is declining. We currently have a volunteer

who would be able to prepare lunches on Mondays & Wednesdays. Pam will find out on 10/18/17 if we are used the grant.

Joe Palmer asked how accreditation is going. Pam said we have until 12/31/17 to get info. She said she and Paula have all the information needed. They just need to go through the information and compile it.

Directors Report:

We have a CPR and First Aid training tonight for van drivers at 4pm.

Friends of the DCOA Report:

The FDCOA Board met yesterday and committed \$1000 toward accreditation expenses. We must pay for an onsite reviewer.

Pam asked the FDCOA board for new chairs for the great room. Bob Hemeon who did the window treatments will give a quote for reupholstering the chairs. John suggested RC Upholster as another company to get a quote from.

The FDCOA membership drive is doing well. We have received a great response. We are currently at 500 members. It usually goes up to 700-800 per year.

Participant's Committee Report:

Gerri reported the committee discussed who is up for reelection. They also said they would like new toilet seats for the bathrooms.

North Shore Elder Services:

Marge said that Danvers received a great onsite assessment. Marge discussed what Frank Leri, who is a NSES board member, reported.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Joe Palmer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Larry Chisholm seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Larry Chisholm, Secretary