

Danvers Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2019

Present: Don Gates, Barbara Remon, Geri Cosgrove, Bob King, John Keohane, Marge Leonard Maureen Howlett, & Pam Parkinson

Excused: Joe Palmer & Larry Chisholm

Minutes of February 21, 2019 were reviewed. Geri Cosgrove moved to accept the minutes. John Keohane seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fiscal Update:

Pam reviewed the fiscal update for February with Board members.

Old Business:

The Supportive Day program is going well. The Social Day Program revenue is going into the program revolving fund. This program is self-sustained. We are meeting our goal to help keep people in the community.

The Men's Club speaker, Mass State Trooper Lt. Stephen Mullaney, was excellent. We had 32 men attend the program. John wrote some notes on Bob's suggestions for the club and he will present them to directors when they are ready. Barbara said her husband Bud suggested that when a speaker is asked a question for the speaker to repeat the question before he answers it so that everyone can hear the question. Don suggested to ask at the meeting if anyone would like to have transportation to the meeting.

The new chairs arrived. The cost was \$48,000 which was \$5,000 under budget thanks to Maureen's bargaining expertise.

Pam spoke about the new café position for Cathy Andre. She said she would be taken out of the volunteer position and moved into the nutrition program. Cathy is doing this new position part time and it is only approved until March 23rd. Pam suggested increasing Cathy's salary \$5 per hour to do the café program. Pam is meeting with Aaron Henry to discuss this new position. Don asked what numbers are needed to have the café program be self-sustained. Pam said it would depend on what the costs are.

New Business:

Pam said the board needs to find a replacement for Bob Sosnowski. Board members agreed they will think on it and give their suggestions at the next meeting. Barbara suggested Bill Nicholson.

The Council on Aging is putting out a survey called Danvers Forever. Barbara suggested putting the surveys out at the pancake breakfast. A copy of the survey was given to board members.

Friends of the DCOA Report:

Pam reported on meeting with board members yesterday. She said they discussed the decline of the transportation revolving fund. The DCOA board members discussed what the next steps should be. Maureen suggested going to stores that we bring seniors to shop at such as Market Basket and Stop and Shop and ask if they would give us a donation for the transportation program.

Participants Meeting:

There was no report available

North Shore Elder Services:

There was no report available

Barbara Remon motioned to adjourn meeting. Marge Leonard seconded the motion all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Lorene Machado for Larry Chisholm, Secretary