

Danvers Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting

January 21, 2021

Present: Geri Cosgrove, Don Gates, David Mills, John Keohane, Marge Leonard & Pam Parkinson

Excused: Barbara Remon & Larry Chisholm

Location: Webex Virtual Meeting
Geri Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Minutes of January 16, 2020 were reviewed. Don Gates moved to accept the minutes. Marge Leonard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fiscal Update:

Pam reviewed the January – December 2020 Fiscal Updates with board members. We received a grant from Elder Services of Merrimack Valley for our transportation program in the amount of \$16,259 in October 2020.

Old Business:

There was no report available.

New Business:

Pam said that there are two directors who will no longer be on the board for 2021 and asked if anyone had any suggestions. It was decided the directors would think about it and get back to Pam with suggestions at our next meeting.

Reopening Plans – We are in the process of getting staff who are dealing directly with the public vaccinated in the next few weeks. We are then organizing to have seniors vaccinated sometime in February. People will have to go on the town website for further information and to register online. We are waiting for people to be vaccinated before we can open to the public.

Meals on Wheels – This program has tripled in the number of meals delivered precovid. The program has gone from three routes to five. The School Department stopped the brown bag lunches they were doing over the summer. North Shore Elder Services has taken over the program which is now called grab and go. People have the option of picking up their grab and go lunch at the senior center or having it delivered.

Drive Thru Dinners – Started in October. We had 49 people drive thru for Halloween. Our Friendsgiving in November was over 100 people and in our December A Dream to Remember we had 128 people. Don asked if Pam prepared all the meals and Pam said yes.

There is a company called Ecolab who wants to support local restaurants and seniors in need. They gave us one hundred \$100 gift cards. There were \$50 to Pellana's and \$50 to Daniella's. We gave twenty-two \$100 gift cards at the food pantry. We gave eighteen \$100 gift cards to couples at our drive thru in December. The Food Pantry gave us eighty-eight \$25 gift cards which we gave out to seniors who participated in our December drive thru. We are having a Valentine's drive thru on February 11th. The menu will be homemade lasagna, caesar salad & garlic bread. We will also be having another drive thru in March for St. Patrick's Day.

Transportation Services – We are currently running transportation services on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. We have one driver in the morning and one driver in the afternoon. We do not have any revenue coming in from our daycare programs because they are not open. We have one person who we are transporting for daycare out of town, however, that person does not always go every day.

Gerri asked if we could hold a zoom meeting for the knitting group and for a social group. Pam said Paula does bingo on Fridays. Gerri said she will check who on the knitting group has a computer. Pam said she could set up and host a meeting. She asked Gerri to call her to discuss it.

Friends of the DCOA Report:

There was no report available.

Participants Meeting:

There was no report available.

North Shore Elder Services:

There was no report available.

Don Gates motioned to adjourn meeting. Marge Leonard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Lorene Machado for Barbara Remon, Secretary