

Danvers Council on Aging

Board of Directors Meeting

November 18, 2021

Present: Gerri Cosgrove, Marge Leonard, Larry Chisholm, Don Gates, CR Lyons, Barbara Remon and Director Pam Parkinson

Excused: David Mills

Geri Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Pam Parkinson said Bill Nicholson has decided to resign from the board due to health reasons.

Minutes of September 16, 2021, were reviewed. CR Lyons moved to accept the minutes. Don Gates seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fiscal Update:

Pam reviewed the October fiscal update with board members. CR suggested making the suggested van donations higher to help offset gas prices.

New Business:

The Supportive Day Program is doing well. We have 11 average per day for attendees, 5 days per week. Don asked what is the maximum number for attendees, is it 14? Pam said yes but the group is split up into multiple rooms/activities throughout the day, so they are not just in one room. We are currently down 2 Supportive Day staff assistants. Don asked is the number of attendees increasing. Pam said last few weeks the program has been averaging 8-9 people attending per day.

We will not be having a Holiday Fair this year due to covid. We will also not be having our Holiday Party this year, but we will be doing a drive thru in December instead.

There will be an applicant coming in on Monday to meet with Pam for the van driver and supportive day program positions.

Barbara Remon mentioned she saw a program about music therapy for people with Alzheimer's that would help people who are nonverbal to sing. She thought it may be something the program could do. Pam will look into it.

The Men's Club is up and running.

Friends of the DCOA Report:

The Friends are doing a restaurant raffle. This is the 2nd year they are running a raffle.

Barbara Remon motioned to adjourn meeting. Larry Chisholm seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Lorene Machado for

Barbara Remon, Secretary