



Town of Wakefield

Director

Karen Burke

Board Members

Flo Calore
Christine Dello Croce
Elizabeth Ellis
Maureen Hickey
Susan Jepson
Suzanne Powers
Joanne Scouler

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

Date: June 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Karen Burke

Members in attendance: Flo Calore, Christina Dello Croce, Susan Jepson, Suzanne Powers. Joanne Scouler (until 6:45 pm),

Minutes reviewed of April 13, 2022, COA meeting.

Motion to accept minutes made by Joanne Scouler and seconded by Susan Jepson all in favor to approve minutes as presented.

Karen will draft meeting minutes of the May meeting, as this was a short “meet and greet” no official COA business was conducted.

New item

Susan noted discrepancy on Town website: COA page states COA meets 1st Wed at 7 pm all months except July and Aug, in another area of town website it stated COA meets 1st Wed at 7 pm. Karen will contact Sherri Dalton and work to correct the discrepancy to state we meet on 2nd Wed of each month at 6:30 pm, except August when there will not be a meeting.

Motion to approve this item by Flo Calore, seconded by Suzanne Powers, all approved.

Financial Report

1. Karen reported that budget is complete and approved for 2023 fiscal year beginning 7/1/2022. Current, 2022, fiscal year is in budget.
 - a. Director will provide COA with summary of expenditures and income at next meeting*Discussion item only.*

Director's Report

1. #s are increasing for attendance at activities (crafting, bridge, poker, Mah Jong, and use of Sr Center gym.
2. Added transportation on Fridays to Medical appointments. Transportation units have increased in the past month 19-20 rides each month in April and May for medical appointment transport, and 18-19 trips for shopping in April and May.
3. Karen and staff are reviewing current attendance lists/registrations and wait lists for many Center activities as some classes are not at capacity, though there is a wait list due to some who register for the activity or class, then do not attend. Wakefield residents are given priority on wait lists.
4. Upcoming additions to Activity offerings:
 - a. Trivia and Lunch 6/14 (Box lunch from Mystic Valley Elder Services);
 - b. Delvena Theater Group to present "Julia" on 6/21 39 attendees are registered.
 - c. Busy Hands returning every other week.
 - d. Trips: Castle Island (7/13), York Maine (July); Richardson's Dairy & Mini-Golf (Aug); joint trip to Gloucester for Lobster and Cruise (with Sr. Center groups from Medford, Melrose, Stoneham);
 - e. Intergenerational Lawn Games at Moulton Field (July 7 10:30-12);
 - f. Eat Local (July 18, Charlie's on Main)
5. Age Friendly:
 - a. Multiple suggestions offered for intergenerational opportunities with local pre-schools, as well as recruiting teenage volunteers for assisting elders in town with yard work, like the Snow Angel program of this past winter, as well as a Corps of Senior Volunteers from the Senior Center **to go ...to schools perhaps??** Stoneham has a program of high school students coming to the Senior Center to meet with attendees
 - b. Other Intergenerational programs, games and activities were discussed as options to be considered. One coming up is with Librarian doing a craft and reading.
 - c. Outreach to the Youth Council to invite a representative from that group to our meetings.
 - d. Susan noted that the Town wide Master Plan will have another Listening/Input session on 6/29 to discuss Housing and Recreational Space--FYI
6. Needs Assessment --Director working with Senior Center staff on this proposed assessment to occur in Fall, 2022

I listened to the recording and it seemed that we did not seek a Motion to accept Director's Report

Motion to adjourn made by Flo Calore, seconded by Christina Dello Croce, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Flo Calore