

**COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Willcutt Commons
91 Sohier Street
Cohasset, Ma 02025

February 8, 2021

MINUTES

In Attendance: Elinore Barrett, Tana Carlson, Jim Carpenter, Elaine Coyne, Diana Karcher, Paul Kierce, Rich Hynes, Jim Murphy, Taffy Nothnagle, Beth Tarpey

Not in Attendance: Sarah Livermore, Sue Reagan

Also Attending: Nancy Lafauce, Karen Oronte, Nettie Nuttle

Tana Carlson, Chairman called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:04 am.

January minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Total general fund expense of January was \$21,740. Personnel costs remain on budget with the exception of Van Driver expense. Other YTD expenses, with the exception of Newsletter costs, remain at or below budget consistent with prior months.

Payroll charged to the Formula Grant in January totaled \$800.

January showed low receipts reflecting the slower activity. Expenses include payments for the ice machine (\$2,073), instructors, and a Cohasset Rotary payment. The revolving fund balance is \$25,535.

January gift fund activity was a payment for the Social Worker of \$3,150. As of December 31, our total gift fund balance was \$49,660.

Treasurer's Report accepted

Director's Report:

Xavus invoice. Annual maintenance and upgrades on My Senior Center of \$1,350 was approved.

COVID-19 Pandemic Hotline 781-236-1605. Siobhan, Liza and Diane are taking calls from 8:30 - 1. Library personnel taking calls from 1-5 Monday through Friday. We will assist in pre-registering, answering questions and getting information from the Public Health Department when necessary. Richard will also assist with registering for appointments through Prep Mod.

Department staff are all hands-on deck. Until we get through all older adults age 75+ who want a vaccine at WC clinic. We will be calling and registering them for appointments each week as the openings become available.

Our social worker, Stephanie Saunders is paid from a grant that we have contracted for her services through Norton SW group. Nancy has asked the Town Manager to put the position in the town payroll so she can be a permanent member of our team. By moving from a temporary agency worker to the town payroll but still under the grant, we expect to increase her hours from 10 hours per week to 15-17 hours. Waiting for approval.

Nancy also said Stephanie Saunders is making such a difference in helping our seniors.

In January, 177 individuals participated in 16 different programs. Interest is gaining in our education programming. Amy and Stephanie's Pathways to Resiliency received high praise. Bob Jackman's Cohasset history always is of interest and continues as is Islam and ukulele instructions. Next month we will be joining with the library, Safe Harbor and Rec. Dept. to present Dr. Temple Grandin's zoom event.

After the Director's report there was much discussion about the vaccine clinic:

100 vaccines a week will be available to every town, cut back from 600 a week. There are 475 75+ residents in our town, then next phase is 65+. Those groups also include anyone who works in Cohasset too.

Taffy said 22 residents at 60 Elm were given the vaccines by EMTs in their apartments. She also said the staff at CEA should be applauded for their hard work. Nancy added the Emergency Management Team should also be applauded.

Liaison Reports:

Housing Authority - Taffy - There will be a soft opening on 2/23. Kate Luna's family will be present and David Hassan will unveil his sign - Kate's House.

Update for Certification

Nettie joined the conversation to talk about our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT).

Please see attached.

Open Business:

Jim M & Jim C. - Talked about building our own website, like the Paul Pratt Library, independent from the town's website but linkable, and easily accessible.

Also, there is a national trend to rename senior centers and Jim & Tana propose calling our center the Cohasset Center for active living.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:40 am.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 8, 2021 @ 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinore Barrett, Secretary

