

**COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Willcutt Commons
91 Sohier Street
Cohasset, Ma 02025

April 12, 2021

MINUTES

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

Not in Attendance: Paul Kierce, Sarah Livermore, Sue Reagan

Also Attending: Nancy LaFauce, Karen Oronte, Stephanie Saunders

Tana Carlson, Chairman called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:02 am.

March minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

General fund expenses totaled \$21,670 during the month of March, which is consistent with prior monthly expenditures throughout FY 2021.

Formula Grant expenses totaled \$5,699 in the month of March. The significantly higher monthly expense is the result a \$4,000 encumbrance charged to the grant account for Norton and Associates on March 26 for the Social Worker.

The \$5,000 MAPC taxi service grant expected has not been reflected in the town report. No Formula grant proceeds are reflected in the account as of March 31.

YTD Revolving Fund Expenses exceed receipts by \$4,598 at March 31. The revolving fund balance at March 31 is \$24,642.

March gift fund receipts include \$5,000 from SSL for the social worker "grant" as well as \$500 from the Friends of the Library. Expenses include a monthly payment to the social worker of \$2,130. At March 31, cumulative amounts received for the social worker "grant" exceed amounts paid for the social worker by \$6,540.

At March 31, our 5 gift fund balances total \$56,464. Our unrestricted gift fund balance is \$33,322.

Treasurer's Report accepted.

Director's Report:

We have been approved by the Public Health Department for a "soft" opening of Willcutt Commons beginning in May. To begin, we will offer only yoga exercise classes (3 per week). Participants must pre-register due to space limitations, wear a mask, bring their own mat and be socially distance. The front door will be for entering and the back door out of the Chart room for exiting. A signed form indicating they do not have Covid symptoms is required before the start of class.

Shredding Day with DA Michael Morrissey's Office will be held May 17th from 10:30 to 1:30. Shred the word...

The Walk Massachusetts Challenge. Board and staff as well as all residents encouraged to register and start walking. Prizes offered and for each person who completes the challenge, WC gets entered into a drawing to win up to \$1,000 for future programming! www.mcoaonline.com/walkma begins May 1.

MCOA Living Your Best Life workshop will be offered in May-June by Stephanie (SW). She will work an extra 2 hours per week paid for through the grant for 6 weeks.

The Town provided mulch for Willcutt to be spread by Launch around our building. SSL is paying for Launch team.

225 individuals attended 20 different programs, activities and services in March. 35 rides were provided to 6 Cohasset residents in need.

Tana asked when we can start outside. Nancy said we are getting a tent to hold some programs outside, for registered individuals only, wearing masks, distance and washing hands.

Liaison Reports:

Housing Authority - Taffy - The kitchen at 60 Elm is ready, thanks to donations from SSL.

Swim Center - Diana - We are going by CDC guidelines and EEA regulations and hoping for a June opening.

Friends - Karen - Friends launched their Cohasset Correspondence Project. 30 students are writing letters to 30 seniors.

Introduction of our CEA Social Worker

Stephanie Saunders has been our SW since September 2020.

She found a number of residents with intensive needs, case management and mental health issues. She helps connect them to other services and fosters independence.

Stephanie is starting a 6 week course, sponsored by NCOA called Living Your Best Life.

She will offer a Decluttering program in the fall, and she works closely with Cohasset Cares program.

Jim suggested she make a connection with Safe Harbors Program in town.

Elinore suggested she should know about the First Day Home program sponsored by SSL and South Shore Hospital and she will get in touch with Chris Murphy.

Stephanie is also working with Phil Mahoney and the veterans.

And she does this all in 10 -15 hours a week!

Update on Web page

Jim and Nancy said Town is looking at all departments, and feel they can enhance web-site, but not have individual sites for each department. Civic Plus is a very highly secure web-site, and the town is not ok with less secure sites. Jim C, as Chairman of subcommittee feels more comfortable with the town's decision.

My Active Center is not up-to-date and clunky, we may be able to move away from it.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:20 am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elinore Barrett, Secretary

