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Town of Newbury Council on Aging  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Date: July 19, 2021

Attendees: Chuck Bear, Bill DiMaio, Geri Dorr, Damon Jespersen, Joyce Machiros, and Cindy Currier.

The meeting was called to order by Chair at 1:06pm. The Chair announced there would not be any comments from the audience allowed at this meeting. Public comments will be allowed at the August meeting as per the protocol stated on the Agenda.

I. The minutes for the Board Meetings on June 21, 2021 and June 29, 2021 were approved.

II. The Election for Vice Chairman Bill DiMaio and for Secretary Damon Jespersen were unanimously approved by the Board.

III. The Elder Emergency Fund was discussed by the Board. A new protocol for a real emergency separate from the Town of Newbury Policies and Procedure Memorandum Elder Emergency Fund was suggested by Damon. Even though they draw from the same fund It was decided to give the Director of the Council on Aging permission to act upon a real emergency without Board approval. The motion made by Damon was "I move that the Board authorize the Director of the Council on Aging to spend up to \$300 from the emergency fund upon the request of a Senior in Town." This motion was approved by all Board Members.

IV. The Mission Statement was discussed and papers were passed from Bill with additional mission statements from other Councils on Aging and a few Vision statements. Geri had given us the statement from Newburyport and one that represents the National Council On Aging. After some discussion we tabled this article until next month's meeting.

V. Directors report:

Expenses - Expenditure report distributed to Board

Donations Received - \$9.00 - Ginny Nichols (3 Van Rides); \$5.00 Hendrick Tans (when he picked up vaccine card sleeve) \$20.00 - Joyce Machiros (when she picked up her vaccine card sleeve). Norma McKay sent in a card with a donation of \$25.00). Total \$59.00.

August/September Newsletter being sent to printer. Will go out end of July.

Grab and Go meal scheduled for Wednesday 7/21/21. August Meal Schedule for 8/18/2021

Programs - In Person: July Senior Stretch and Strength with Eunice James at Manter Fields at Central Street. Began Monday, 7/12; Mondays through 8/2; Luncheons; Birthday Bingo and Education Seminars.

Virtual programs for August/September (found using Mass Access: Newbury is a member so we are free to use any programs on Mass Access); funded by the PEG

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(Public Educational and Governmental Access) funds: ESMV's All Things Aging: MCOA's Cooking as Self Care and All That Jazz (Cape Cod Ragtime Festival) Take Home Activity Kits: Humming Bird feeder kits or other bird feeding option; Book of Me and More baking /cooking kits.

Outreach: Caregiver bags with things for self-care put together using funds from the ESMV Covid Relief grant. Advertised in this newsletter. Janet will review and approve who they go to. 10 bags available.

NEET Program - We have 24 NEET drivers. Always looking for more volunteer drivers. We advertise this program as well as the need for drivers in the newsletter. June: Transportation Statistics: NEET rides 8 (round trips); Van rides 4 (round trips) and Grocery shopping van rides are back. Three seniors have taken advantage of this service so far.

VI. Other Business - Geri asked Cindy if she could provide statistics about our Newbury Seniors.

VII. A motion to adjourn the meeting passed.

Our next meeting will be August 23, 2021.