

Council on Aging

May 28, 2020

2:00 PM via Zoom and recorded via Zoom

In attendance: Marsha Stone, Mary Williford, Darryl Slover, Dorothy Gagnon, Janice Colbert, Marsha Staples-Love, Ginger Carson, Peg Saulnier, Pat Jordan, Adele Corcoran

Staff: Hope Macary, Director.

Excused Absence: Karen McCormack

There was no May Executive Committee meeting.

There was no correspondence this month.

The minutes were accepted with one amendment: Pat Jordan's COA term is also due to expire in 2020. She has informed City Hall that she will continue.

No public in attendance

Staff Report: (no other staff reporting)

Director Hope Macary. Hope described three sections of her report, as follows:

NOW: Brown Bag distribution will take place next week, following successful curb-side distribution last month.

RUOK: (Are you Okay) phone calls by six volunteers working from home are going very well and are appreciated by the elders in our community who have been contacted. Thank you to Peg Saulnier who's one of the defacto leaders in this effort.

PLAN SOON: In partnership with LifePath, protein boxes (prepared meat products) will be distributed by truck (Truck to Trunk) to elders. The first curb-side pick-up

will consist of 84 boxes. When and how this will take place is TBD - was to begin on June 1st, but this is doubtful.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will move out this week and are cleaning the building now. The Senior Center Staff will return to the building on a staggered-shift basis. No public access yet.

Hope was one of the people answering calls on The Call Line (775-6411) that was set up for the community during the COVID. Hope personally answered around 350 calls!

PLAN: Be ready when the Governor says we can re-open. Senior Centers are not part of Phase I or 2 re-opening schedules. The Health Department will notify Hope after hearing from the Governor. Exercise classes will be the last to re-open because of the chance of spreading virus.

Exercise classes could possibly be videoed and broadcast via GCTV.

Some vendors do not want to return until September.

Volunteers will not be able to help before the building is open and the Health Department grants permission.

Representatives from several COAs met with LifePath to discuss their future needs. Hope requested Chromebooks for seniors who have no internet access. These individuals are more isolated than others. It is unknown whether there will be fulfillment of this request as it is grant-dependent.

Senior Tax Write-Off is tenuous right now due to the complexities of volunteers during the COVID pandemic.

We were fully funded for this year, but need to be prepared for cuts, possibly in state revenues. When we re-open as the Senior Center, there are concerns about after hours meetings.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws - Marsha reports they met and accepted the By-Laws as written in 2019 without change.

Legislative - Karen has no report.

Nominating - Janice stated she'll stay on as Vice Chair; Dorothy will step down as Secretary; Pat will stay on as Treasurer. Adele (Chair) will follow up with her committee and present the slate of officers at the July meeting and accept nominations from the floor. (Procedure explained by Hope)

Personnel – No need for activity this year

Old Business: None

New Business: The City is using Webex for their Committee meetings. We will have to learn this sometime in the future. We'll reach out to city's IT Department for a tutorial.

Adjourned at 3:17pm

Next meeting June 25, 2020

Recorded by Ginger Carson and Marsha Stone