

Greenfield Council on Aging Board Meeting

July 2, 2020

Meeting called to order 2:15 PM via Zoom and recorded via Zoom

Rescheduled June Meeting

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

Staff: Hope Macary, Director, Kathy Dunn, MaryAnn Socquet.

Excused Absence: Karen McCormack, Ginger Carson.

Guests: Pamela Goodwin, Phil Elmer, Councilor at Large.

No correspondence.

The May minutes were accepted as presented.

Guest, Pamela Goodwin wanted to know why we have not started offering programs as other area Senior Centers have. Her concerns were senior isolation and no access to internet.

Director: Hope Macary explained we had limited access to the building once the EOC* took over the building as an emergency Operation Center for three months. That, along with the staff hours reduced from 4 full time to the equivalent of 1.8, has put our center about three months behind with programming. Our COA has offered several curbside food programs and telephone support throughout this period. She was very clear our physical center will remain closed until the Governor and Health Department say it is safe to open. Our plan will be approved by the Health Dept before we open our doors to the public.

“We will not open prematurely”.

Activity Director: Kathy Dunn relayed, since we have gotten back into the building we have; **1)** Brown Bag distributions with help from Medical Reserve Corp, (only missed one B.B. month), **2)** RUOK: (Are you Okay) phone calls by six volunteers working from home are going very well, **3)** volunteers checking in with Memory Café (via phone); **4)** a (Truck to Trunk) curb-side distribution of “Protein Box” to elders. **5)** 16 Curb side meals, **6)** STWO* putting several volunteers back into service. There is a lot in the planning stage, it will take time, stay tuned. Exciting things coming in August.

Both Kathy and Hope have been NETA recertified.

Questions and/or comments;

Janice asked about grants that might be available for online classes, such as Yoga, Book Chat. Adele asked if a City permit was needed for outdoor events such as B.B.Q.s. Answer: When we start offering those events we will get all the necessary permits

Phil Elmer, Councilor at Large just wanted to observe the proceedings.

Nominating Committee Report: Adele Corcoran, Chair presented the FY2021 Slate of Officers as follows;

Chair, Marsha Stone
Vice-Chair, Janice Colbert
Secretary, Margaret Saulnier
Treasurer, Patricia Jordan

There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion** made by Peg Saulnier, seconded by Mary Williford to accept the Slate of Officers for FY2021 as presented, passed unanimously.

No other July meeting needed, next meeting August 27th, 2020.

Adjourned at 3:05pm

*EOC - Emergency Operation Center

*STWO – Senior Tax Work Off

Recorded by MaryAnn Socquet