

**Petersham Council on Aging
Board Meeting
February 12, 2019**

Meeting opened at 10:10 a.m.

Members present: Kay Berry, Pam Chevalier, Wanda Dickson, Phil Hanno, Janice Olson, Sandy Page, Lynn Shaw, Sheila Youd

Others Present: John Ewing, Diana Tandy, Mary Russell

January Minutes accepted with follow-up that a large bottled water dispenser is now in place to help with the water issue.

Treasurer's Report (Phil): Current checking account balance = \$6,514.10
Our request this year from Town Funds will be \$1,100.

Health Programs:

- ~ The Walking Class, led by Mark and Sandy Page, will begin March 6th.
- ~ Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy / Rehab services now available at the Blue Cross Office. Blue Cross is also offering workshops for "newer" seniors - Sandy will follow-up to see what is being offered.

Enrichment Programs:

- ~ Steve Henderson's Mabel & Jerry performance will be rescheduled.
- ~ Musician Dan Kirouac received a Cultural Council Grant to give a concert for seniors, so has contacted Petersham COA. Kay will follow-up with a date in the fall for the performance. Sandy and Phil hope to have a *Petersham Partners* ride service in place to pick up people without transportation, who want to attend.
- ~ On Monday, Feb. 25th at 12:30, there will be a "Senior Safety Seminar" to help seniors stay safe from fraud & crime. For more information, contact Sheila Youd.
- ~ Kay received a notice from the Mass Office on Disabilities (M.O.D.) regarding *Emergency Safety Training*. Because this training is funded by the Office of Homeland Security, the group felt that training should be for the Emergency Response People.

Other Business:

- ~ Janice reminded all that signed *Ethics Acknowledgement Forms* need to be turned in to the Selectboard.
- ~ Phil reported on Options for Senior Bus Tours costing \$79 - \$120 per person. When he finishes his research, he will bring back 5 choices for people to vote on. Local COA Funds will defray some of the cost, so he hopes to find a great trip for about \$50 each.
- ~ Sheila made a suggestion that COA, in conjunction with the Town, purchase a Ping Pong Table that could be set up in the Town Hall, for the use of all residents. The cost might be around \$250. Ari Pugliese has done something similar in organizing Pickle Ball games in the PCS gym using school equipment.

- ~ Lynn made the suggestion that we change Card Jamboree Day to another Monday, rather than the day of the monthly Board Meeting. People agreed this was a good idea.
- ~ Diana Tandy made the suggestion that we replace the styrofoam plates with "real" plates for the luncheons. LifePath will pay for the plates and will help pay for the dishwashing machine. If we can't do this, Diana will suggest to LifePath that we are given disposable *Chinette* plates, rather than styrofoam.
- ~ Mark Ellis, of Clamber Hill, has offered to do the Monday Luncheon on March 25th. Besides providing food, he will help with set-up.

Newsletter:

- ~ Egg-Decorating Class on March 23rd at Petersham Art Center
- ~ Request for donation of a fold-up Ping Pong Table, new or used!

Next Meeting: March 11th, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Chevalier, Recording Secretary