

**Petersham Council on Aging
Board Meeting
January 13, 2020**

Meeting opened at 10:14 a.m.

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

Others present: John Ewing

Minutes of Dec. 12, 2019 approved with the corrections that Dan Kirouac will perform on March 23rd, and Davis Bates will perform on May 11th.

Treasurer's Report (Phil): Current balance in checking account: \$9,191.92

Health Programs: Foot clinic - No new information, but Sandy will follow-up with Orange COA about their foot clinic.

Exercise / Fitness:

- ~ Loren Magruder will be doing Yoga temporarily, in Pat Roix's absence
- ~ Card Games will be take place on first Mondays, 12:30 - 1:30p.m.

Enrichment / Entertainment: Kay will ask entertainers, Dan Kirouac & Davis Bates to start their programs at 12:30, instead of 1:00

Other Business:

- 1) Meal Site Manager: Jen Berry was asked if she would like to stay on in this position. In addition to meal preparation, Jen will need to take over other duties that Mary Russell performed. She will be paid \$15 / hour for a 3-hour shift on Luncheon Mondays. Jen would like to have official Meal Site Training from LifePath. It was suggested that she contact Lynne Feldman for more information about this. Jen will now be the person who is called when regular luncheon attendees can't make it, or new people will be attending. Jen also needs ServeSafe certification, which begins in March. COA will pay for the course, which costs about \$300. The Board voted unanimously to hire Jen for the position.
- 2) Worcester Talking Book Library would like to give a presentation to COA. Sandy will talk to Town librarian, Amber Johns, to see if PML already provides this service.
- 3) Barbara Amidon's obit mentioned that donations could be sent to Petersham COA, and \$225. has come in so far. It was suggested that the money be spent on a tall faucet for the meal site sink.
- 4) A new catering company has been hired for the Monday Luncheons. Lynn Feldman would like suggestions as to foods people like / don't like.
- 5) Jen will not be able to work on Jan. 24th, and Quabbin Valley Nursing Home has offered to provide a free meal on the date. Sheila suggested that they provide a vegetarian offering.

Liza Pet

- 6) Brian Haskins of Orange COA is setting up a one-day Vermont Winery Bus Tour, and they would like to coordinate this with Petersham COA. All agreed that this was a great idea!
- 7) Petersham Partners will hold a meeting at the Country Store to update the community on projects and volunteer opportunities.
- 8) Janice asked if the group would like her to, again, arrange the Big E Bus Trip. Answer was yes!
- 9) Janice gave update on Mary Russell, who is currently at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester. We all wish her a speedy recovery! :

Newsletter:

~ The Congregational Church has two dinners scheduled. Soup and Salad dinner in February, and Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner in March
~ Petersham Art Center will be open on Saturdays and Sundays during February and March. Hours are Noon - 4:00 p.m. Sara Deponete's watercolor class begins Feb. 1st and continues for the next 3 Saturday mornings.

Next Meeting: February 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Chevalier
Recording Secretary