

Council on Aging of Williamsburg and Haydenville

Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 2022

Present: Pat Billingsley, Daria D'Arienzo, Linda Gibbon, Gerry Mann, Dianne Martin, Maureen O'Brien; Guest: Mary Bisbee; Senior Center Director: Melissa Wilson. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes: Motion to accept Minutes of the Meeting of July 20, 2022 as amended. (Seconded).

Director's Report:

- The Ice Cream Social on July 29th and Multigenerational Event on August 12 were well attended. There were 30 seniors at the ice cream social, and 22 seniors along with 18 young people enjoyed the show rabbit presentation and lunch.
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- An RSVP Program, Healthy Bones & Balance lead by Mary Bisbee (Thursdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.) is very popular. A second session is in consideration.

Grants:

The Highland Valley grant year ends on September 30, 2022. This is the second year of a two-year cycle. Awards for the next cycle will be announced in October.

The PVTA grant is ongoing.

The statewide Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) to benefit seniors has been approved as of July 1, and will be received in March, 2023.

Programs:

Falls Prevention Program with Connie Gilmore will be held on Monday, March 26 at 1 p.m. Please register, though walk-ins are welcomed.

A Flu Clinic will be held at the Anne T. Dunphy School from 9-1 on October 14th.. Call the Senior Center to get the necessary sign up link. There are still openings.

On October 31, after the Monday Congregate Meal, John Porcino, musician and entertainer, will provide entertainment. Please sign up. Flyers will be provided to Board Members to promote the event.

ARPA Grant: the senior Center has applied to the Town for funds to make improvements to the Senior Community Room.

- Tryna Hope's Retirement: Tryna's last day will be September 28th. Farewells will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. Interviews are in the works for her part time position as Senior Center Transportation/Intake Coordinator.

Old Business:

- Gerry Mann has resigned the position of delegate to Highland Valley Board. Maureen O'Brien agreed to join their organization on behalf of the Williamsburg Council on Aging Board in the fall.

New Business:

- Pat Billingsley and others appreciated the LGBTQ+ training. Discussion about providing a community screening of a recommended film *Gen Silent*, about difficulties surrounding aging and health care in the LGBTQ+ community, perhaps in collaboration with Meekins Library, followed.
- The Board offered thanks to the Senior Center Director and Staff who continue to find creative ways to foster community among seniors.

The next C.O.A. Board meeting will be held on Weds. September 21, 2022 in the Senior Center tent at the Town Hall in Haydenville.

Motion to adjourn. (Seconded). The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.