

WEST BOYLSTON COUNCIL ON AGING
120 PRESCOTT STREET
WEST BOYLSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01583

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 2021

Present: Janice Ash, Siobahn Bohnson., Kathy Casey, Barbara Deschenes, David Femia, Barbara Mard, Thomas Mullins, and Director Lisa Clark Viklund.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by David Femia in the arts & crafts room of the senior center. The meeting minutes of June 21. 2021 were unanimously approved with one correction.

Governor Baker has opened up social interactions.

Lisa handed out the Council's Strategic plan 2018-2021 and said the council needs to produce a new plan for 2021 - 2024.

Lisa's Update:

People are attending our center as the Senior Centers in their communities haven't opened yet.

There are potentially 3 requests for use of the building:

1. Worcester County Light Opera for 3 - 4 hour rehearsal space twice a month.
Their problem is that they prefer a "real" stage which is not available here.
2. The bridge club with 12 – 60 players are looking for use of the building on some Saturdays.
3. Community **ENGAGEMENT** Children's Organization

There are potential problems in the fall such as face masks, etc.

We have increasing participation in instructional classes, mostly in the exercise classes.

Discussion then moved to food service looking at September to start. Efforts will be made to employ a chef and cook meals here rather than relying on Meals On Wheels packages.

David Femia suggested that the possibility of hiring a chef will have to be discussed with the Select Board and Town Administrator. This would pay for itself.

Monty Technical School should be contacted for their input & suggestions.

1,416 drive through meals have been provided

Presentations scheduled:

1. AAA
2. Lisa will do Old School Chocolate Shops
and
3. Unknown Parks
4. Cell phone instruction lecture on September 9

SHINE is still remote and the nurse is scheduled one a month.

The feasibility of a flu shot clinic.

Potential Santa Claus decoration discussed as there may be a donor for this.

The annual veterans' breakfast will be held in November.

The Friends of the Senior Center remain willing to fund a bocce court but there is difficulty in finding a contractor.

Siobahn Bohnson led a discussion on setting up a program to use the center as a cooling center in the future such as better planning and more funding to provide additional help.

Lisa will address this and there would be a chef and additional help.

There will be an art show during September of Shirley Smith's art work opening on September 10th with a reception from 4 – 6 pm.

The next meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on August 16, 2021.

Thomas Mullins

TM/bmd