



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
Council on Aging
Shrewsbury Senior Center
98 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Council on Aging Board Meeting
April 13, 2022 Minutes

Members in attendance: Shashi Menon, Betsy Zuegg, Jean Campaniello, Louise Russell, Lori Jones, Alex Roman; Member not in attendance: Judy Goodstein
Staff in attendance: Christine Moriarty; Staff not in attendance: Hollie Lucht, Renee D'Angelo
The meeting was recorded by Mark Serra of Shrewsbury Media Connection.

1. The April meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Review of March minutes: clarification to minutes as follows: meals were *provided* by Dean Park Grill, not donated by them. Minutes then approved as amended.
3. Financial Reports review
 - a. The entire Formula Grant has been received, so the total is accurate.
 - b. Question- Elder Services contribution from Gifts Account is a suggested donation for Meals on Wheels.
 - c. Grant deadlines: DOT has no expiration on grants; Taxi/Livery grant ending in June.
 - d. Gift Fund questions- money in this account is from donations, given to the Senior Center to use as needed.
 - e. Christine's salary will now come completely from the Formula Grant.
 - f. New line item in 2023 budget- money for conferences and training
4. Vote to fill Vice Chair position: Congratulations to Jean Campaniello!!
5. Director's Report:
 - a. Introduction of new COA Board members:
 - i. Lori Jones
 - ii. Alex RomanWelcome to our new COA Board members!
 - b. Mention from Shashi Menon: Meals on Wheels program is in need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering. To do so, contact Christine Moriarty at the Senior Center.
 - c. Outreach report
 - i. Survey update: 5500 surveys sent out; 800 surveys returned so far!
Thanks to the volunteers who are helping! Early responses indicate that many live alone, drive a car, get information from the internet and email, and about 20% have pets. Survey results will be published in the June Newsletter. Deadline to return surveys is the end of April.

- d. Meals on Wheels drivers will now get a mileage reimbursement in lieu of a fixed amount per route. Stipends to drivers are no longer allowed. The remaining funds will be put to staff training and conferences.
 - e. April 25 is the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon! Lakeside Grill will provide the food, and entertainment will be provided. Staff is very excited!!
 - f. Spirit of Shrewsbury events include a Health Fair at the Senior Center on 9/12/22, a "Think Ahead" event for those between the ages of 50-59, providing information about moving into the 60s and beyond. An application for 500 AARP memberships has been submitted. The 22nd Anniversary celebration of the Senior Center is in the works. If anyone has photos/memories of the Senior Center in the past, send them to Christine.
 - g. The marketing plan will be presented by Hollie in May.
6. New Business:
- a. Suggestion to integrate old or unresolved business into this section
 - b. Question about the computers in the Senior Center lobby- discussion. Suggestion to mention the availability of computers in the next Newsletter.
 - c. "Friends" input and participation in COA meetings to be discussed at the next meeting. The "Friends" group is the fundraising arm for the Senior Center. May 9 is the annual meeting of the Friends.
 - d. Reminder that the COA meeting is an open meeting, and anyone can attend and address the Board.
7. Meeting adjourned 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Zuegg
COA Board Secretary