

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
November 16, 2020

Members Present: Richard Marton, Jean Sheedy,
Peter Cunningham, Therese Keoseian, Dottie Zale,
Mihran Keoseian, Helen Sienkiewicz.

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Kathy Santiago

Others Present: Michelle Collette

The meeting was opened by Richard at 1:04pm

Minutes from the October 19 meeting were presented by Helen. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Peter, and by Dottie. All unanimous approval accepted.

Michelle spoke first with an update on the Diversity Task Force. They are willing to work with the COA and others with a loneliness campaign. A social safety net is on the horizon as they would like to work in the same direction as us.

Director's Report: Kathy mentioned that the front door at The Center needs to be repaired. The doors are very heavy, so a push button device is needed. Peter asked if the original design was not good.

There will be 213 Thanksgiving dinners delivered from Gibbet Hill. Senior volunteers will meet on Wednesday at 4 p.m. to prep the vegetables. "1"

Therese asked what a window design is?

Kathy showed us one.

On-line registration for programs is being worked on.

A note has been sent to all non-profits regarding the Groton Connects program. Hopefully, so all residents will know what is going on. Mihran asked if Kathy needs help with the program. She will accept help if needed.

Michelle mentioned that the "Talk To Tom" program could be re-created.

Our re-accreditation takes a lot of work. Luckily, there are now fewer stipulations. Mihran will facilitate a strategic plan. SWAT analysis should now be done every three years. Best to be done in an interactive setting. Hopefully, younger people will join in, making up two groups. Mihran and Kathy will put together dates to meet.

Outreach Report: Stacey did a good job on working with Gibbet Hill. She and Pat Timmons, our Police Liaison, are working on cognitive challenges.

Activities/Volunteer Report: Kathy II said that scrabble will be played on Monday afternoons.

Meals On Wheels will be partly closed next week. Lots of extra meals went out today.

Ann White, the gal who arranged the boxwood bouquets in the past, is looking for a new idea for this year.

Our attendance is down 30% from the last two months.

Kathy I hopes to open up fitness room. We will meet in small groups.

Next meeting will be January 11 at 1:00pm

Motion to accept Directors and Staff reports was made by Peter, 2nd by Therese. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz,
Secretary
Groton Council On Aging
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