

Elder Affairs Commission Meeting June 15, 2020 via zoom

AT 3:15 PM THE EAC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF PEN PALS.

THE MAY MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: REGINA CONTINUES TO COOK FOR BISTRO TO GO WITH HER FRIEND ROBIN SHERRICK ASSISTING. THERE ARE 54 RECIPIENTS OF THE MEALS EVERY THURSDAY. HOMEMADE BREAD IS BAKED BY PAUL PHANEUF.

EMILY SAID ZUMBA AND LINE DANCING WILL RESUME WHEN THE GOVERNOR GIVES A GUIDELINE FOR OPENING BUT NOT NECESSARILY AS THE WAY IT WAS IN THE PAST.

TREASURERS REPORT: NOTHING

DIRECTORS REPORT: THE NEWLY HIRED CONSULTANT IS DOING VERY WELL PUTTING TOGETHER GOOD IDEAS. NOT SURE HOW 10 PEOPLE PER BUILDING OR ROOM WILL WORK OUT IN REGARD TO PROGRAMS THAT WERE HELD AT THE CENTER PRIOR TO THE CORONA VIRUS.

A NEW TASK FORCE HAS BEEN NAMED TO HELP FIGURE OUT WHAT PROGRAMS TO BRING BACK AND HOW TO DO IT.

THERE ARE TWO NEW PROGRAMS: 1 THE PEN PAL PROGRAM WITH 20 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. 2. THE REUNION PROJECT WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF BSU VOLUNTEERS.

THE CABINET AND COUNTERTOP PROJECT IS GOING WELL.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MAYBE TAI CHI ON THE COMMON, OUTDOOR EXERCISE, MAYBE A LECTURE OUTDOORS. THERE IS A YOGA VOLUNTEER COMING. WE NEED TO CHECK INTO TOWN OWNED LAND TO USE. HIGH POND PROPERTY CAN'T BE USED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. MAYBE AREAS AT THE COLLEGE? THE TENNIS COURTS AT THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL (MIDDLE SCHOOL). WALKING GROUPS AT THE BR TRACK? HOW ABOUT A VIRTUAL BINGO GAME?

EMILY WANTS TO KNOW PEOPLE WHO MIGHT WANT/NEED A TABLET. SHE HAS PURCHASED 6 OF THEM.

THERE WILL BE A NEWSLETTER IN JULY WITH UPDATES.

IN CHECKING WITH OTHER SENIOR CENTERS THERE IS NOT A LOT OF INFORMATION AS TO WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT THIS TIME. THERE ARE 350 SENIOR CENTERS IN MA AND THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES AS TO WHEN THEY WILL BE REOPENING.

THERE ARE 5 PARKS IN BRIDGEWATER. PUBLIC PLACES WHERE PEOPLE COULD MEET. MAYBE BOX LUNCHES AT MUSIC ALLEY? THERE WILL BE OTHER PROGRAMS THERE.

THERE WAS A QUESTION AS TO WHO RECEIVES THE BISTRO MEALS. ANSWER WAS - ANYONE WHO ASKS FOR ONE. QUESTION WAS ALSO ASKED AS TO WHO WAS PAYING FOR THE BISTRO MEALS. ANSWER WAS - THE TOWN. VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE FROM 40 TO 70!

100 DADS IN TOWN WILL BE RECEIVING A GIFT FOR FATHERS DAY FROM THE SENIOR CENTER.

VIA ZOOM KIM WILLIAMS STATED THAT WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE GOVERNOR TO TELL THE TOWN WHEN TO REOPEN. IN THE MEANTIME THEY WANT TO GET THE SENIOR CENTER READY (CLEANED) BEFORE THAT TIME.

NICK SAID THAT HE AND SCOTT PICKED UP THE NEW REFRIGERATOR AND ALSO MENTIONED WHAT A REALLY NICE GUY SCOTT IS.

THERE ARE TWO SEATS ON THE ELDER AFFAIRS BOARD OPEN.

GROUNDS AROUND THE SENIOR CENTER LOOK LOVELY. THE TOWN IS TAKING CARE OF IT WITHOUT BEING ASKED!

KATHY HAYES IS VERY BUSY!

UNFORTUNATELY THE SUNSETTER AWNING ISNT GOING TO WORK BECAUSE IT WILL INTERFERE WITH THE GENERATOR THAT WILL BE PLACED IN THE SAME AREA.

THERE WILL BE NO CONGREGATE MEALS FOR QUITE A WHILE BECAUSE OF THE 10 AT A TIME RULING.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS ARE GOING OUT TWICE A WEEK. THERE ARE 60 CLIENTS PER WEEK.

ONLY ONE SENIOR WITH A LOT OF HEALTH ISSUES PASSED AWAY FROM COVID 19.

ALL SENIOR CENTER DIRECTORS WILL BE MEETING THIS COMING WEDNESDAY.

REGINA NEEDS HELPERS TO HELP PACKAGE THE BISTRO MEALS.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 14 AT 3:00.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY EAC