

Elder Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020

THE ELDER AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:00 P M BY CHAIRMAN, DAVID FRIM

THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: PAT BOYLE HAS RESIGNED FROM THE EAC. DAVID THANKED PAT FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE EAC. WE AGREED TO SEND FLOWERS TO HER AND TO HAVE A PLAQUE HONORING HER FOR THE SENIOR CENTER.

NORMALLY WE DO NOT HAVE EAC MEETINGS IN AUGUST BUT EMILY FEELS THAT WE NEED TO THIS AUGUST FOR COMMUNICATION AND CONNECTION PURPOSES. AUGUST 10 IS OUR NEXT MEETING AT 3 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT: NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: THE REUNION PROJECT IS WRAPPING UP. 29 SENIORS WERE INTERVIEWED BY 5 JUNIORS AND SENIORS AT BSU. THERE WILL BE A REFLECTION PERIOD WITH THE STUDENTS IN AUGUST TO SEE HOW THE PROGRAM WENT. THERE WILL BE AN OUTDOOR EXHIBITION ON THE TOWN COMMON IN OCTOBER. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INDOOR GALLERY HANGING IN THE HALLWAY AT THE SENIOR CENTER.

THE PENPAL PROGRAM WITH BSU STUDENTS IS GOING WELL. THEY ARE DISCUSSING CONTINUING THIS.

ALL THE SENIOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT MA ARE CLOSED. THERE WILL BE A PEER GROUP FOR SUPPORT TO BE HELD OUTSIDE.

CHAIR YOGA WAS HELD OUTSIDE. 8 SENIORS PARTICIPATED ON 7/13/20.

THE SENIOR CENTER NOW OWNS A 20' X 40' TENT. IT HAS BEEN ERECTED IN THE PARKING LOT. EMILY WANTS TO KEEP SMALL 10 PERSON GATHERING GUIDELINES. SAM BAUMGARTEN WANTS TO HAVE A 25 PERSON GATHERING AFTER HOURS BUT EMILY SAID NO THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DO THAT. THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES FOR SUCH.

THE VAN IS BEING USED FOR ALL KINDS OF TRANSPORTATION BUT MONDAYS ARE FOR MEDICAL VISITS. TO RIDE IN THE VAN MASKS ARE REQUIRED AND TEMPERATURES ARE CHECKED UPON BOARDING.

JEN MANGELSON IS COMING IN AUGUST FOR ZUMBA. LORI HUNTER IS WORKING ON A PROGRAM AS WELL. MARGARET WILSON WILL BE COMING FOR LINE DANCING.

THERE IS NEW SIGNAGE -- 6 FEET APART--ALL OVER THE BUILDING AS WELL AS HAND SANITIZATION AREAS.

WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, "MY SENIOR CENTER" TOUCH SCREEN WILL BE IMMEDIATELY CLEANED AFTER EACH PATRON USES IT. THERE WILL ALSO BE CONTACT TRACING IN PLACE.

OUR INTERN, GRACE, WILL BE DOING A NUTRITION PROGRAM. THERE WILL BE OTHER INSTRUCTORS FOR VARIOUS THINGS GOING ON CABLE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE COMING OUT IN JULY.....THE SUMMER EDITION.

THERE IS A NEED TO FIND OUT THE OVERALL WELLNESS WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION OF SENIORS IN BRIDGEWATER. GRACE IS MAKING UP A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

DIANE ROZA SUGGESTED THAT WE ASK THE SENIORS IF THEY NEED MORE HELP IN GETTING STARTED ON ZOOM IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE.

WITH THE NEW TABLET PILOT PROGRAM, GRACE IS TEACHING PEOPLE HOW TO USE THEIR TABLET. EMILY HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE TOWN PROVIDE FREE WIFI FOR A YEAR FOR THE TABLETS BEING USED BY SENIORS. IT COULD BE CONSIDERED COVID FUNDING IF WE PURCHASED 100 TABLETS. SHE IS CHECKING INTO THAT.

KEN IS DRIVING ON TUESDAYS---5 PEOPLE ONLY ON THE VAN. THEY ARE CONSIDERING INSTALLING PLEXIGLASS FOR THE VAN. SENIORS WANT TO KNOW HOW FAR THE VAN WILL TRAVEL--BROCKTON, BOSTON, ETC.

MEALS ON WHEELS IS BACK TO NORMAL. THERE ARE NOT AS MANY SIGNED UP FOR MEALS. SOME DO NOT LIKE THE MEALS OFFERED.

PEOPLE ARE LOVING THE BISTRO TO GO MEALS BEING PREPARED BY REGINA AND ROBIN. IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYONE THAT COULD USE A MEAL PLEASE CONTACT EMILY. REGINA STATED THAT BECAUSE THE BISTRO MEALS ARE SO POPULAR WITH 60 MEALS BEING PREPARED, THAT NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO DELIVERY THE MEALS. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ONLY 3 DRIVERS. MAYBE WE COULD DO A "GRAB N GO" SET UP AND HAVE PEOPLE COME PICK UP THEIR MEAL OR MAYBE ONE PERSON COULD PICK UP FOR THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

DIANE STATED THAT THE KNITTERS HAVE TAKEN THE SUMMER OFF FROM THEIR VIRTUAL PROGRAM.

THE CHERYL FAYE PROGRAMS WERE GREAT. ABOUT 20 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE FOR EACH. EMILY WILL LOOK INTO HAVING HER AGAIN.

FOR THE BARBEQUE IN AUGUST -- IT WILL BE A PREPACKAGED GRAB N GO SET UP. PULL UP TO THE SENIOR AND GET YOUR MEAL. IT IS SLATED FOR AUGUST 25.

JOANNE CARATELLI HAS RESIGNED FROM HER POSITION AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THERE IS AN OPENING FOR HER POSITION AND ALSO THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS POSITION.

GLORIA MENTIONED THAT A COLLEGE STUDENT IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD HAS CREATED A PROJECT WITH PAINTED ROCKS WITH UPLIFTING MESSAGES THAT APPEAR AS ART WORK IN A WALKING PRESERVE ON THE TRAILS. SHE SUGGESTED MAYBE A PAINTING ROCK PROJECT OUTSIDE THE SENIOR CENTER.

FRANK SOUZA SAID HE HAS A FREE TREE.....SOMEONE JUST HAS TO GO GET IT AT HIS HOUSE.

MEET ING WAS ADJORNED AT 4:00 PM

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 10 AT 3 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SANDRA ALLEY, SECRETARY EAC