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SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – JAN. 12, 2023

Present: Doug Field (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel, Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Nancy E. Brewer, Sylvia Smith (Shelburne); Director Juli Moreno.

Chair Nancy Brewer called the meeting to order at 3:01.

Joanne Soroka moved to accept the November 2022 minutes as submitted. (There was no December meeting and therefore no minutes to review.) Sylvia Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In her Director's report (printout provided), Juli Moreno noted that the Center passed both its Fire and Health inspections; "A Matter of Balance" fall-prevention series has been well attended in Shelburne Falls and in Ashfield; and a revision of the Newsletter's format and style was in process. She also provided a printout of the proposed FY24 budget, which she will present to the three towns. After some discussion, Doug Field moved to accept the proposed budget; Nancy Brewer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Re: Outreach, Juli said that Coordinator Teddy Doucette makes regular check-in calls and home visits to at-risk and/or isolated seniors in addition to such regular aspects of his job as helping people with fuel assistance and SNAP applications and home repairs. He also co-facilitates the monthly Caregiver Support Group.

Dot Lyman, Programming Coordinator, keeps a wide range of programs running smoothly, from Foot Clinics to fitness classes, from knitting to Bingo, from movies and Senior Learning Network presentations to Bi-Weekly Meals to Go.

As for Transportation, Coordinator Bob Szafran reported providing 181 rides in December: Ashfield, 36; Buckland, 24; Shelburne, 63; and 58 from other towns.

Sylvia reported that Governor Charlie Baker signed our District legislation, so we're official. Discussion followed about next steps, and It was mentioned that the three select board members will probably decide who will be "initial managers."

Joanne said the Buckland COA had a meeting in December and, as a follow up, held a Conversation Café in January. The conversation was mainly about housing for seniors, and we will try to form a group to explore housing options. We will also try to have more Cafes.

In her Senior Center Foundation report, Nancy said we have total assets of \$273,265.93. Trish Perlman resigned so we are waiting for a new SCF designee to attend our meetings.

Discussion followed about the joint meeting between our board and the SCF. Ellen Eller moved to accept the notes provided from that meeting by Renee Rastofer; Nancy seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

It was suggested that the SCF's spring appeal present a clearer long-range strategy for the Center's programming and services.

There was no Old Business; no New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25. Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 9, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Eller