

COUNCIL ON AGING
Zoom meeting
Minutes Thursday, January 20, 2022

Present: Victoria Burrington, Margaret Freeman, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen. Guest: Deb Porter

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

The following items were added to the agenda: Deb Porter asked to speak to COA about moving the library to the former school building at 18 Jacobs Road because of the need for more space, including an extra classroom. We discussed our desire to see Room 135 as an intergenerational/drop-in place that can be used by others as well as COA, and agreed that we want to see joint activities with the library. The Library Board of Trustees is meeting with the Select Board on February 1 and holding a community meeting February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

M/S/P Sue, Cathy, unanimous: to approve the 12/9/21 minutes as corrected.

Room 135: The Select Board has requested more detail on how we plan to use Room 135. Margaret and Cathy will draft a COA response showing how activity requests—with exercise at the top of the list with social activities and intergenerational interest—need an appropriate location, and will share the draft with Deb, the final version to be sent to the Select Board for their February 1 meeting.

Walking program: There has already been interest and some activity with people walking in the gym and atrium. Margaret agreed to provide a sign-in book in the gym so that we can document attendance.

Foot clinic: Eileen lively indicated there's not currently a problem with limited access. People wishing service should contact her. It might be possible to add another day, given funding and Piper's availability. Eileen will be asked to let us know if it becomes needed.

Grant news: Victoria has identified three additional possibilities with deadlines in Spring: Dreyfus, Fallon Health, and Agnes M. Lindsay Trust. Margaret attended the Elevate webinar on first grant process and will meet with Victoria January 27 to work on the Chatlos grant.

Finances: As of December 31, 2021, the accountant's report showed \$4,540.8 in the COA Formula Grant and a negative \$-3,570.50 in the foot care account. In addition, there is an unexplained \$7,063 in a HandsXHealth Nurse account. Victoria will check with Hilma to see about both these anomalies.

Survey activities: The Cultural Council approved \$200 for art supplies. Victoria will approach Kate Peppard about her plans for yoga. The Council decided to hold a special zoom meeting on January 27 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss priority planning of activities during and after COVID constraints.

It was decided to continue to hold COA meetings via zoom through the month of February, with the possibility of extending through March if necessary.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m.

M/S/P Margaret, Cathy, unanimous: to adjourn at 3:40 p.m.