

**Council on Aging
Room 135, 18 Jacobs Road
Minutes Thursday, April 13, 2023**

Present: Victoria Burrington, Margaret Freeman, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen.

Meeting called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Review Agenda: tv streaming license.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to approve the 3-30-2023 minutes as written.

Grants follow-up and access: Moved to a future agenda to review COA accounts.

Senior Program Coordinator Report:

- April flyer and transportation information distributed to all seniors. Mail charge is approximately \$50. It was agreed that, in future, volunteers will be used to distribute flyers by hand in their areas.
- Senior meals: Planning for the April 19 hot lunch now well underway, with 22 registrations already for in-person meals and an additional number for homebound delivery. Lyra will email COA members with list so other people can be contacted to sign up. A search for tablecloths will be made. Volunteers should arrive at 10 a.m. for set-up.
- Foot clinic: It was agreed that Lyra will move her station closer to the Senior Room and ensure people wait in the atrium for their appointment.
- A thankyou note was sent to the Kinsmans for their gift of a scrabble board.

Square Dance: A request has been submitted for the payment invoice for the first dance to be sent to the Cultural Council for reimbursement. Cookie makers have been found for the May 15 dance and sufficient water provided. Volunteers should arrive at 6:00 p.m.

Patio Planning: A suggestion was made that the problem garden with invasive weeds outside the Senior Center could be converted to a patio, with tables and flowers in urns, for seniors to enjoy in warm weather. Margaret will email the proposal to the Select Board for approval to create a small planning group from our volunteers. Their proposal would then be submitted to the Select Board for final acceptance.

Heath Day: Margaret noted that the Fire Department is planning a pig roast sometime in June/July. She suggested that a general Heath “picnic-in-the-park” Day with outdoor activities could coincide with the pig roast. She will ask Alice Wozniak to ask the Fire Department if they are agreeable with the idea of expanding their plan to include the extra activities. A volunteer group comprising all ages would then be created.

TV streaming license: Victoria reported that a license is available for streaming and showing movies. The Mass Council on Aging would arrange for a discount rate of 35% off the cost. She will find out licensing costs.

There being no other business, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 4 at 1:30 p.m.

M/S/P Cathy, Margaret, unanimous: to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m.