

Ashland Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2023

Called to order at 11:06 a.m.

Attendees:

Board Members

Sara Perkett

Pat McHale

Steve Mitchell (absent)

Fran Blake

Lisa Ugliarolo

Debbie Connaughton

Alexis Christopher

Jean Delouchry

(absent)

Diane Hansen (absent)

Guests:

Candi Wilson (Director)

Cheryl Bell (Outreach Coordinator)

Mission Statement: read by Alexis

Secretary's Minutes:

Alexis moved to approve the April 2023 minutes. Jean seconded the motion.
Approved 6-0.

New Business:

1. Interested in reviewing participation by women vs. men, age, Ashland vs. others
2. Friends of COA needs to be more involved in the money collection and lunch logistics. Staff should not be involved.
3. Re: the July BBQ - if the FCOA doesn't hold it the Senior Center will.
4. Considering birding if Candi can find someone to lead it.
5. Suggestions for June programming: Juneteenth

Other Business:

1. Senior Heroes Award - Steve Mitchell sent along a document to review for ideas. Need to decide logistics. Will discuss further in June.
2. Farmers Market table - COA table on 7/22

Director's Report:

1. Suggested we share the results from the survey.

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2. Grant opportunity exists from EOEA. Up to \$100K available for Enhanced Digital Literacy for Older Adults. Candi to apply for grant to procure tablets. Considering adding tablet training to existing computer course.
3. Candi collecting cards and letters for Ed Brudz who suffered a stroke and is currently at the hospital recovering.

Alexis moved to approve the Director's report. Fran seconded the motion.

Approved 5-0.

Old Business:

1. WACA requires a 2-3 week lead time for advertising programs on cable. Requesting that program information be sent in Word format.
2. Survey Results – Alexis awaiting file from Lisa to access data to format for all. We received 80+ surveys from a population of 4,397 seniors in Ashland.

Around the Table:

1. Candi – May 10 th deadline for June programs
2. Sara – Ask Lisa for access to projection screen
3. Fran – June will be the last month for “breakfast” at the Senior Center before summer break.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Alexis. Fran seconded. Approved 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Ugliodoro with thanks to Pat McHale for assisting!

Documents distributed: April 2023 minutes, Director's Report, Framingham

Heroes program information