

Ad hoc Senior Implementation Steering Committee
Meeting April 8, 2020
Zoom

Minutes

Present: Maxine Beecher, Chad McCleod, Lisa Joyce, Susan Henderson, Peter Stanton, Carol Kilroy, Kathleen Babeu, Anthony Grande, Bernadette Kroon

Meeting called to order by Chair Maxine Beecher at 5:00 pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Carol to approve the minutes of March 11, passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: no additions since last meeting.

Maxine thanked: Chad for his March article in the Sentry, commended Lisa for the Matter of Balance, Tai Chi and SMAAA resource programs at the library although they are on hold for right now and thanked Kathleen for her hard work.

Exec.Comm. Report:.

Maxine, Sue and Chad met via conf. call and agreed that we could meet via zoom on schedule and consider how we can be helpful during this time of pandemic and also continue to plan for the future.

These ideas were presented at the April 8 meeting.

How we can help:

- Presenting the SMAAA Resource program via the phone. The Community Resource person can be reached via phone. This needs to be publicized. (HOW?)
- Publish an article in the Sentry summarizing information on the city's Resource Page so that those without computer access will have the information. Chad wrote the article, will be out Friday. We felt that the information about the Resource Page should run regularly in print. Sue will see about adding a portion of the article with the phone numbers at the end of the articles that are already slated for publication.
- Create a power point of the material to show on the SPTV. Chad presented to the group who thought it was great. We would like it to scroll but also ask for a regular time for it to be shown. Chad will send in to TV station.
- Present material via Zoom on SPTV. The rationale for this would be that it could be informative and also perhaps help a bit with social isolation as presentations would be for and often presented by South Portland residents. Mr. Amaral from the TV station said he was willing to help us if we did the work. Chad noted that Zoom presentations can be edited before posting live. We discussed things that could be done:

- have the speakers scheduled for Solo Singles make a presentation. Carol was prepared to speak about 211 and the speaker from AAA could be asked and perhaps the representative for South Portland from AAA. (Lisa will send this person's address) Chad will send email.
- See if something could be presented related to the content a Matter of Balance. Lisa said she would check on this.

Kathleen noted that her office has been extremely busy. Communication is a huge issue, anxiety is high. Reassurance is needed. Carol said that 211 has been getting a massive amount of calls. Peter asked about the Food Pantry. Many of the usual volunteers are over 72, so younger volunteer needed. Money is also needed for food. Pantry is very busy. Volunteers prepare standardized boxes (people stay in the car, fill out a slip) volunteers bring box out to car. People are needed to pack boxes, unpack trailers, Community of Kindness face book page started by Sari Green has signed up many volunteers to deliver to the housing authority. Sue will contact Sari and ask for volunteers. Chad will post how to volunteer or give money and ask SMAAA if possible, to send volunteers to the Food Cupboard. We should funnel people to the city site to volunteer.

COVID 19 grant possibility: We were encouraged to apply for a \$1000 grant related to pandemic activity that is for groups that are not a 5013c and do not have a revenue stream. Lisa said that we have to apply before it will be clear if we are eligible. The money could be used to fund a ride program with ITN of Westbrook. Discussion identified that now is not a time people are willing to get into strange cars and research need occur as to comparable services available. Tony will pursue this. It was decided that the best use of the money was to provide a mailing to senior citizens in South Portland about the information on the Resource Page. The article that Chad wrote can be used and formatted into a tri fold . The grant would help pay for printing. Sue will check with the city about mailing lists, budget funds can be used for mailing. Lisa will write the grant.

Continuation of Planning and Recruitment of Volunteers: Sue reviewed the City's Excel sheet of committee volunteers and identified 5 names who sited the senior committee. These names and others we had are now in one excel sheet that was sent to members. When the subcommittees are comfortable with a draft vision, an email request can be asking to these names asking for areas of interest and posted online and in the Sentry. It is an awkward time to bring in new volunteers when we can not meet in person. Right now, we can focus on acute community needs.

Peter said that Public Works Dept would like to see the buckets collected and stored for next year but they are prohibited from going to pick up now. It was decided that Peter would write an article saying that buckets need to be saved for pick up and that will occur as soon as feasible with pandemic.

Writing our Action Plan: AARP accepted us on October 19, 2021. An action plan is due in two years which would be October 2021. Criteria for the plan were sent: Adele Edelman offered to help write the report. It is important that we keep this date in mind, identify who is interested in helping and start reviewing the criteria.

Next Meeting: Will be May 1,3 starting at 5pm on Zoom. Exec Com date not set, Agenda to follow

Recording: Sue