

Ad hoc Senior Implementation Steering Committee
Meeting March 11, 2020
South Portland Library Conference Room
5:00-7:00 PM
Minutes

Present: Maxine Beecher, Chad McCleod, Lisa Joyce, Susan Henderson, Peter Stanton, Alan Cardinal, Carol Kilroy, Jeff Steinbrink, Orion Breen

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Alan, seconded by Lisa to approve the minutes of Feb, passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: presented by Alan Cardinal. We have spent a little more of allotted sand bucket money, otherwise no change.

Exec.Comm Report:

- RWJ grant: The Maine Council on Aging (MCOA) received a 25,000 dollar grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to assist with their Dashboard Project to provide municipalities with data to assist in planning community needs related to senior citizens. SP was asked to participate because of our work with MCOA and an established AFSP and because of the size of our city. This proposal involves a commitment by the City Manager to meet regularly with MCOA staff and providers with the goal of building a data base of demographics about seniors in communities. AFSP is not required to contribute money or time but we can attend meetings.
- Because of the Dashboard project we have been invited to be a member of MCOA and are delighted.
- Solo Singles is ready to go, refreshments are being provided by Friends of the Library. We will wait to see if need be delayed because of pandemic. The Lisa reported that City department heads are meeting regularly and making plans to keep people safe. Cleaning practices have changed and some events have been cancelled.
- The SPHA Home Modification Program has been postponed to the next agenda as Phil Smith will have input about important and good changes.
- Short Term Goals and Priorities
Discussion was free ranging. Sue contacting the city manager and requested \$10,000 in the next fiscal year's budget to continue and expand our work. Leveraging existing committees rather than starting from scratch was suggested. The subcommittees need to be staffed. Mary and Doug need be contacted re their ability to have RSVP supply planning help to us.

It was suggested that an article be published very soon in the Sentry asking for volunteers, that Communication Committee, Kathleen, speak with subcommittee chairs re vision of the subcommittees and include that in the article. Sue should look at all the volunteers who have offered to help and organize names on an excel sheet. She should also go through the list of people that have volunteered to serve on City committees as some have volunteered to help us. We might consider a grant to have paid office staff .

Sub-Committee Reports”

Communication: Kathleen submitted a written report which identified that Sentry articles are planned through the summer and a plan is in place to have an area in Sentry to identify “Resources of the Week”. The food resources tri-fold have been distributed throughout the city.

Housing: sand buckets need to be picked up to plan for next year. Around 260 have been distributed. Sue contacted the city attorney who said volunteers are covered under city insurance and she will get back to me re background checks. Peter noted that the housing sub-committee should leverage other programs via communications, for example: The Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and groups that help with insulation, Kathleen’s list of resources is critical and SMAAA programs. hat

Transportation: Sue spoke with Tony. At the Bike Ped Committee, it was identified that buses could not get to the Food Pantry. Tony would like to work on helping people get rides.

Community Support and Health Services: Starting Tai Chi has been delayed because of health concerns. The program to assist people with connecting with resources has begun. Carol will check on availability of phone numbers to make check in calls on seniors as TRIAD was doing that.

Next Meeting: Will be April 8, starting at 5pm. Exec Com March 30, Agenda to follow
Recording: Sue