

Ad hoc Senior Implementation Steering Committee
Meeting Dec. 11, 2019
South Portland City Hall Basement Conference Room
5:30-7:00 PM
Minutes

Present: Chad MacLeod, Maxine Beecher, Bernadette Kroon, Lisa Joyce, Susan Henderson, Kathleen Babeu, April Caricchio

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the Nov. minutes with correction of spelling of Grande. Maxine noted that her email address is now maxine@maine.rr.com

Pulling Pieces Together Chad is willing to help us map and prioritize ideas and offered to lead the group in an interactive workshop/retreat to set goals and refine organization to meet them and plan for continuing finances. In terms of sharing and storing information, Joyce spoke with the City's IT director who suggested we use Google Docs. A website was discussed. Maxine said someone expressed interest in developing a website for us, but she did not get contact information for this individual. It was noted that a website for us could have a "members only" section where data could be stored and so could meet needs of public and work group members. Information comes to us from national, state and local organizations. It is important that we process, integrate and coordinate this information in a meaningful manner so it can be put to best use for our goals. The group expressed a desire to proceed with the workshop/retreat. The guide lines for the required Action Plan due in two years are in the Maine Guide. We need to have a tickler file to remind us to begin work on this project. Sue is scheduled to be on a phone call with Pat Oh from Maine's AARP to update her on our progress. Sue will remind Scott to share the report she sent him with the council and will update the report to include or recent accomplishments!

Grant Money: Lisa reported Bath Saving's Grant for "A Matter of Balance" will allow the program to begin at the Library in January. Classes will be repeated on demand. (Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging (SMAA) provides instructors, insurance and partners with Maine Health to provide the program. Lisa is promoting with posters around the community, an article in the Sentry, the website and Face book. This public relations list can serve as a template for future use.

Lisa is seeking funding for SMAA's Onsite Senior Advocate Program, where a SMAA employee meets one on one with seniors in the library to facilitate seniors accessing available resources. Intermed, Harvard Pilgrim, Community Foundation, and Martin's Point have expressed interest in possibility of helping to fund. Many funders want a partnership. At the January meeting, Lisa will present the group with a request for funding for us to serve as a partner.

Subcommittee Reports

Traffic: Based on discussions the city and DOT held with the public, it was identified that it would be helpful to have regular information presented to the public on traffic safety, what pedestrians can and should do, what drivers can and should do and what initiatives the city, state and feds are doing. Sue suggested that perhaps our group could develop a regular article for the Sentry or SP TV.

Housing: More than 200 sand buckets have been delivered. Our volunteers have started delivering since Public Works was busy with snow.

Communication: Kathleen presented a report of the subcommittees Committees work. They have several articles ready for the Sentry and hope to have a couple more by the end of the month. The attached report was presented. The Trifold on Community Food Resources is ready for printing. Committee has been working with 211. Kathleen will request money for printing at the Jan. meeting.

Public Comments: Taylor Strubell, gave a presentation about Window Dressers, a volunteer organization to provide people with insulating window inserts that are affordable, removable and reusable. Someone goes into a home and measures the windows, then volunteers work in shifts to build the window inserts. There is option for low income pricing. Contact information was provided.

Next Meeting: Will be Jan 8, starting a 5pm for a brief business meeting and leaving an hour and a half for goal setting discussion led by Chad. People did not want to schedule an extra meeting or stay later, it was felt that starting a half hour early would work realizing that some might come a bit late.

Sue recording

Communications Report

Good afternoon Communications sub-committee,

A December update relative to progress:

Thanks to all of you for providing information articles, great tri-fold and productive feedback. Pleased to report we have accomplished a lot before the end of 2019. Please find attached four articles. Lisa and April are working on articles and will be receiving shortly. I also will work on an article relative to senior property tax information. We will have our goal of providing the Sentry with 7 articles by the end of this month to begin 2020! Our collaboration with 2-11 was quite successful with our tri-fold. (Thank you Chad for formatting.) Will meet with the Steering Committee this evening and inquire relative to printing costs & the possibility of mailing to our senior population.

As always, looking for feedback, thoughts, etc. as we wind down the year.

Thank you to Everyone on the sub-committee. I think we make a great team!

Kathleen