

**COUNCIL ON AGING
WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

JUNE 27, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Council on Aging was held on Thursday, June 27, 2019, in Room 206 of the Walpole Co-Operative Bank South Street Center at 1:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Rich McCarthy, Chairperson, Regular Member
Jim Pellegrine Treasurer
Linda Winslow, Secretary/Clerk, Regular Member
Mary Jones, Regular Member
Terry Lehrman, Regular Member
Rosanne Rockwell, Regular Member
Dorothy Smith, Regular Member
Janet Fasanello, Associate Member

The following members were absent:

Josette Burke, Vice Chairperson, Regular Member
Dolores Efthim, Regular Member

The following staff members were present:

Kerri McManama, Director
Laurel St. Pierre, Outreach Worker

The following guest was present:

Mark Gallivan, Member of the Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Rich McCarthy.

Pledge of Allegiance- The Pledge of Allegiance was said by everyone present.

Secretary's Report- A motion was made to accept the secretary's report as written. The motion was seconded and carried (5-0-1).

Treasurer's Report- A motion was made by Linda Winslow to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Dorothy Smith and passed (6-0-0).

Outreach Worker's Report- Laurel reported that she helped a total of 345 clients in May. There has been an increase in the number of out-of-towners. The number of participants in the food pantry was a little lower. It is now held only once a week (Fridays). The number of participants in the Memory Café is growing. Total client outreach so far this year is 4392 as compared to last year at 2585.

Director's Report- Kerri distributed copies of the Accounting Documentation for May 2019. Average figures are up. Sixty new members registered in May 2019. Some high school students want to volunteer during the summer. The average daily attendance has more than doubled since last year. Kerri distributed copies of a list of events, including some that took place in May as well as those coming in July/August and upcoming trips. In other news an email newsletter has been initiated. The playing of bocce has been started. The Formula Grant was spent down to zero. A donation box is in place by the coffee. A gift cart program has been started to provide funds to support programming at the Center.

Old Business- Terry Lehrman asked if there should be a limit as to how many people various rooms can hold. She referred to a recent incident at which people were sitting in the hall for the presentation. Kerri stated the importance of people needing to register before an event to make sure there will be enough room for all who want to come to a particular event.

New Business – Terry also had a question about grocery shopping. Kerri stated that she would talk with Terry about it the next day.

Mark Gallivan stated that money is available for the Council on Aging from various sources. Terry Lehrman thanked the Town for improvements being made with sidewalks.

The statement was made that one man came to the Center for coffee. He ended up meeting some new people, and he enjoyed being at the Center. He said that, normally, he has been sitting at home all the time.

A motion was made by Linda Winslow to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0-0). There will be no meetings in July and August.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Conrad, Secretary