

Arlington Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2020

Present: Michael Quinn, Mary Hung, Pat Baillieul, Paul Raia, Anne Brown, Rick Fentin, Kristine Shah, and Marge Vanderhill. **Absent:** Nancy Cox, Jill Greenlee. **Associates:** Mara Klein Collins, and Karen Nichols. Joe Curro, BOS liaison ; Claire Foley, ASA liaison.

- A. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Michael Quinn at 6:00PM on February 20, 2020, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA.
- B. Citizen's open forum: none
- C. Minutes of January 16, 2019, were approved. Pat so moved and Mary seconded.
- D. Acting Executive Director Report, Kristine Shah. Additions to ED report:
 - 1. There will be off-site programming info in the Advocate and on cable.
 - 2. Gala to kick off the 5k race will be held September 11, 2020. An event sub-committee is needed. Jill has signed up, but need more members.
 - 3. The grant from Lahey providing "free" rides for low income residents will expire on March 1st.
- E. Report of the Chair:
 - 1. Patriot's Day parade will be on April 19, at 3pm. Should the COA wish to participate. T-shirts?
 - 2. Age Friendly Community logo on Town Day booth? Town Day is Sept. 26.
- F. Minuteman Senior Services, Marge reporting:
 - 1. Need COA representatives for four communities: Boxboro, Littleton, Harvard, and Woburn
 - 2. Kelly Magee Wright: There continues to be a shortage of workers for direct care. Mass Home Care Advocacy Day will be March 11 at the State House.
 - 3. Legislator's breakfast will be April 1, at 9am. The topic will be the role of Minuteman as a supportive partner with housing authorities.
- G. ASA liaison report by Claire Foley: Malcolm is retiring, so a new ASA president is needed. Info is needed regarding parking for off-site programs.
- H. Old Business: The approved letter to the Building Committee was sent via email and snail mail. There has been no response.
- I. New Business:
 - 1. Census will be mostly online and phone calls. There will be census info at the senior housing sites. Perhaps have a census day event? Robbins Library event? Publish census information in the Arlington Senior Center Newsletter.
 - 2. Jillian Harvey will present at the March COA board meeting.

3. Board members should let Kristine know term limits. All board members need to review the open meeting law, and resend compliance info to Michael and Marge.
4. Interviews for a new ED begin February 27. There are three finalists.
5. Paul Raia suggested parking spaces be set aside at the various polling sites.
6. Joe Curro gave an update on the Water and Sewer Relief Program. A warrant article tying this to the tax relief program and/or rate setting will be submitted at Town Meeting.

J. The meeting was adjourned at 7pm. Anne so moved and Pat seconded.