

Charlotte Senior Center Board Meeting

Minutes from February 1, 2022

Present: Sukey Condict, Wally Gates, Carl Herzog, Susan Hyde, Beth Merritt, Lane Morrison, Gary Pittman, Ron Ulmer, Roberta Whitmore, Lori York

The minutes for January 4 were approved.

Board President's Report:

- The Charlotte Senior Center Friends has donated \$200 for masks through the Community Partnership. There will be a public information hearing Feb. 26, the Saturday before town meeting on Zoom to discuss Fire and Rescue, the library, the community center, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

- Carl – The fiscal year is the end of June. Income is down. Maintenance budget is over 50% used for the 6-month period. We spent \$2,800 for tree work by Teachers Tree Service. We have spent \$2,683 for furnace repair.

Director's Report:

- See attachment at end of minutes.

New Business:

- Sukey showed an estimate from Rags and Riches for valences for the windows. New England Floor Covering should be consulted as well. Tina's was also recommended; they installed all the shades we have now. A discussion was held over whether to have no curtains perhaps, shades only, etc. It was suggested perhaps we need an interior decorator. We need a committee. Who in town has pertinent skills to help us?

Old Business:

- It was questioned whether we need someone here to close up after the blood drives. The last drive did not close until 9:30 p.m. Wally, who was here to close for that drive, stated that was very unusual and suggested we make no changes to our procedure.
- We need to order more filters for the air purifiers.
- We have new volunteers for the café, but we still have no team for the 3rd week. We will encourage takeout, although it will be difficult to gauge how many will come.

Next Regular Meeting: March 1, 2022 at 9:45.

Director Senior Center Update:

- **Status of updated Covid requirements- masking**
- **Steps needed to be more welcoming and inclusive**
 - **Age Well** -> biggest example (42-> 87)
 - People coming into center- never come before

- Response in Charlotte and beyond very positive & appreciative
 - Begin their Rest. Ticket program (2nd Monday) 2/14
- **Grange** -> meeting beginning of Feb re: their programming & seem very positive about moving forward with a collaborative relationship
- Continued partnership with **Library** feels solid and collaborative
- Working with the '**Charlotte Community Partnership**'
 - In addition to the support with purchase of masks for community- Kevin- Charlotte Congregational Church & Jim Hyde will be presenting at the CSC on March 3rd and Library on March 8
 - manage risks related to coronavirus
 - Questions about different types of masks, PCR vs. rapid antigen tests, and where to get them.
- Reached out to the Charlotte Food Shelf to have a food donation box at the Charlotte Senior Center. Will follow up again.
- One new thing that I just created on Sunday- FB page for the CSC as a way to promote events and reach out to the next generation of Retirees. Many Senior Centers have a FB page and so does the Library and Grange-> another way to connect in the larger community.
- **Flexibility with increased Covid numbers-**
 - We will be offering our **first Hybrid Lecture** this Wednesday - David Holmes- "On Being a Vermonter"
 - Purchased a presentation clicker so that the CSC has one for presentations
 - The **March 3rd presentation** with the Charlotte Community Partnership- the Library - Susanna Kahn has offered to help with the Hybrid lecture using the Library's Owl camera/microphone that is good at capturing two people presenting from the same place.
- **Lunch Plans-** tentatively moving forward with in-person Monday Munch on February 7th. People will sign in- (contact tracing) & pay at the host desk. The cook volunteers will serve participants to limit the number of people walking around (potentially forgetting to put masks back on). They will be celebrating February birthdays.
- **Updated next quarterly schedule**
 - In response to the weekly & sometimes daily changes due to Covid->
 - Transitioning to Monthly newsletter- finalizing info by Feb 7-> Phyllis for graphic layout by 9th (sample newsletter)
 - Initially higher costs as we transition from quarterly to monthly, but goal is to reduce number of newsletters that we are mailing
 - Card with newsletter - "opt in" mailing
 - Download the newsletter from the Website

- Pick up at the Center
- Monthly inserts Charlotte News/Shelburne News
- Ultimately, our goal will be to use a program like Mail Chimp-> email the newsletter. (up to date database)
- Lecture's finalized for 4th Wednesdays- still need speaker/topic for March 16th.
 - Help from Board re: potential speakers
- > Looking for instructors- Memoir Writing & Bridge
- > New programs include;
 - Coffee & Canvas - with Sherry Senior
 - Backgammon on Wednesdays after the Lecture Series
 - How to Navigate Zoom with Susanna Kahn
 - Capturing your oral history by audio recording
- & also offering two additional screenings with Sean Moran
- Continue with the Age Well grab & go meals weekly and adding Rest. Ticket sales monthly
- **Brief Database Overview- Big Project**
 - Brian Bock offered "Friends & Family Rate"- at cost
 - Worksheet/Next steps
 - Brian will provide a proposal-> present to the Board