

TOWN OF PRINCETON
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
12:14 P.M.
PRINCETON SENIOR CENTER, 206 WORCESTER ROAD

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Jane Fife, Barbara Guthrie, Beverly Kohlstrom, Wendy Pape,
Terry Thompson, Michael Warren
DIRECTOR: Aimee Kindorf
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Nicole Boardman
ADVISORY MEMBER: William Andrysick
UNABLE TO ATTEND: COUNCIL MEMBER: Susan Stolberg

Minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

MySeniorCenter Update. 1,125 names/addresses/birth dates of Princeton's senior residents have been entered into the software system. The information was taken from the town census. This baseline data will now be reviewed so that members of the same household will be connected. Other baseline data such as telephone numbers will also be added. Aimee and Nicole will attend trainings on use of the software on 10/8 and 10/15. It appears that the software program will be in use by 10/8. Once the software is in use, the Center will have to be more diligent in having people sign in when they attend an activity.

Fall Special Events. Storyteller, David Bates, will perform on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 12:30 P.M. Beverages and desserts will be served. Board members should plan to arrive early to set up following the Balance Class which ends around 11:50 a.m.

The Selectboard is holding a breakfast for seniors on Thursday, October 24th at 8:00 a.m. Set up for the breakfast will occur on Wednesday following the program by David Bates.

The Harrington Farm luncheon for seniors will be held on Thursday, December 12th. Sign up for the luncheon will begin on November 4th. Once someone signs up they will be given a ticket which they must bring the day of the event as seating is limited. Board members are asked to attend so they can mingle with the attendees. Wendy will make name tags for the board members. Donations for the Wachusett Food Pantry will be accepted at the luncheon.

Lisa at Lilacs of Sterling will provide a workshop on holiday centerpieces in December. Date is to be determined.

Sign ups for frozen turkeys provided by the Wachusett Rotary Club is currently in progress. The Men's Club will assist with the turkey distribution at the Center on the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Plans are being looked at to hold a dessert competition in November or December. Participants will be asked to bring a dessert and the recipe to share. Town dignitaries will be invited to judge the event.

Holiday Art Show. The Princeton Art Society will have their December Art Show on December 7 & 8 and 14 & 15. Set up in the large room will begin on 11/30. Wall art will be hung in this room so that programming will not be affected. Craft items will be arranged on tables in the middle room which will affect programming. Additional set up days are December 4 and 5. The show will be completely dismantled on Sunday, December 15th after the closing of the show.

Cultural Council Grant Applications for 2019-2020. It was agreed to apply for 3 cultural council grants: Steve Hendersen (Mabel & Jerry's Obstacles to the Alter) for a program to be held around Valentine's Day; Hip Hop Chair Yoga; and the Hip Swayers (perhaps an evening program sometime in the spring or summer). It was suggested that we team up with the Thirsty Lab to have beer and wine available.

Transportation Update. Nicole reported that she has a contact name and number for someone connected with the MART transportation service. Aimee will begin discussions with MART to determine if they could provide better service to Princeton Seniors than what we are now getting from the Elderbus program. One of the concerns with the Elderbus program is that Princeton is on the far outskirts of the Elderbus service area.

Outreach Efforts. Discussion was held on how best to try and reach Princeton seniors who cannot/do not come to the Senior Center. Beverly agreed to make a list of people whom she is aware of that may need assistance. Efforts will be made to reach these people to see if they need a turnkey or would benefit from attending the weekly luncheons. Nicole reported that Sterling has a friendly visitor program. Volunteers would be needed to make visits to residents who have difficulty getting out to events.

Recap of BBQ. It was agreed that the luncheon was well received. For future similar events it was agreed that the rooms need to be set up differently and that the flow of people entering the building might need to be redirected. The possibility of serving meals family style or calling tables up one at a time so that people can service themselves was discussed. The start time for this type of event will only be publicized so that people won't be confused about the serving time. If entertainment is provided, location of the entertainers will be revisited.

Harvest Luncheon. It was agreed to purchase the food from Boston Market. Reservations will be required and the seating will be limited to 70 people. Board members will assist with the serving of the food. Beverages will include sparkling grape juice, cider, coffee and water. The luncheon will be held on November 19th.

Other Business. Board members agreed that a sign needs to be posted that is visible from the outside stating that dogs are not allowed in the Center unless they are official service dogs. Aimee will research Board of Health regulations regarding dogs in this type of facility.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 12:15 P.M.