



**Regular meeting minutes of the  
Council on Aging Board**

**Date: 9/8/2021**

**Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:** Diane Boisvert, Fred Brusseau, Paul Der Ananian, Jennifer Hardy, Ruth l'Anson, Louise Myers, Ami O'Grady, Debi Siriani

**Members Absent:** Tim Sherry, Dianne Sperry

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Senior Center is partnering with the Discovery Center, which trains volunteers to help match seniors with purposeful work. Information sessions will be held in October, with training sessions to follow.
- Grad students from UMass Lowell will be conducting free fitness classes from Oct-Dec.
- Lack of ventilation in the lower level rooms has been a problem, especially for exercise classes. Fred Brusseau remarked that money provided by the American Rescue Act includes funding for air filtration and suggested Debi reach out to the Town for help in funding improvements at the Center.
- Kitchen renovation is mostly in a holding pattern.
- Budget requests due soon. Dining hall renovation (floor, curtains, repainting) is on the plan for next fiscal year.
- Mass Council on Aging conference is coming up. If interested in attending, contact Debi Siriani.
- Attendance at the re-opened Center has been steady. Some programs are still on hold because of space issues.
- Parking lot was completed on time with minimal upset at the Center.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Testing of conference phone for use with hybrid COA meetings has been postponed until a new conference phone is obtained. Meetings will continue on Zoom until further notice.
- Members have submitted goals for the board. Fred will consolidate them and assign each to a standing committee.

- Fred will mail out current committee rosters to members. Review the list and decide what committees you want to be on.

**NEXT MEETING: October 13, 2021**