

GRANBY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 19, 2021

Location: Via Go-to-meeting

Members Present: Bob Camus – Chairperson
Lillian Camus – Secretary
Barbara Hauschild – Member
Carol Morrisette - Member
Julie Duffe – Member

Absent: Beth Isabelle – Vice Chairperson
Joyce Polverini – Member
Carol Zebrowski – Member
Don Zebrowski – Member

Others: Lisa Petraglia, Interim COA Director

Bob Camus called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of March 17, 2021 minutes

Bob Camus asked if there were any changes to the March 17, 2021 minutes. Lillian Camus noted on page 1 under Report from COA Director, the second paragraph should read “Chloe reviewed February 2021 accounting and activities.” Change January 2021 to February 2021. Additionally, on page 2 under Adjournment, Carol Morrissey should be changed to Carol Morrisette.

Motion was made Barbara Hauschild seconded by Julie Duffe to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes as amended. Motion carried 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Report from COA Director

Lisa Petraglia reported

Lisa reviewed March 2021 accounting and activities.

- March
 - Expenses included vehicle maintenance, cases and accessories for iPads for seniors to use, restocking the Food Pantry, grocery shopping for seniors, printed envelopes and the lease on the printer.
 - Income included donations to the General Gift and Food Pantry Funds.
 - Food Service had decreases in Bread (4), Pantry (1) and Grocery Delivery (5).
 - Transportation had increases in Medical Trips (3) and Miscellaneous Trips (2).
 - Support Services had decreases in Outreach/SHINE (4), Medical Equipment (6) and Phone Calls (474). The decrease in phone calls was due to the increased number of seniors who had received COVID-19 vaccinations. Wellness Calls increased (26).

- April
 - Expenses were just the lease on the printer.
 - Income included donations to the General Gift, Food Pantry Funds and Thanksgiving Basket Fund. The Thanksgiving Basket donation was a reimbursement from Friends of Granby's Elderly (FOGE) for the Easter bags handed out to seniors.
 - Food Service had decreases in Bread (12), Pantry (2), Brown Bag (3) and Grocery Delivery (11). Pantry Under 65 increased (1).
 - Transportation had decreases in medical Trips (8) and Miscellaneous Trips (5).
 - Support Services had decreases in Medical Equipment (3), Wellness Calls (11) and Phone Calls (26). An increase was seen in Outreach/SHINE (7).

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Members

Lillian Camus noted that Beth Isabelle handed in her resignation due to staffing issues at the bank.

Carol Morrissette asked if Ann Boutot had been confirmed as a COA Board member. Lillian Camus responded the recommendation had been forwarded to Chris Martin and Cathy Leonard for the Select Board to review. The Select Board has to approve the recommendation to make it final.

The Board discussed upcoming Board member term expirations. Lisa Petraglia will update the list of terms and report at the next meeting whose term is up this year.

Lillian Camus will check with the Zebrowski's to see what time is better for them to start the Board meetings.

Food Pantry Use

Lisa Petraglia expressed concern about low use of the inventory, noting use from both over 65 and under 65 folks has gone down. Lisa suggested better promoting of the food pantry. Use of the Food Pantry is by application and there are guidelines. Lisa will research and report an update at next meeting.

Lillian Camus asked if the rules on the application are set by the State or the COA. Lisa will research the answer.

Lisa noted some folks don't want to provide their income level which is required on the application.

Lillian asked if there an income range they can pick from instead of putting dollar amount? Lisa responded there is not and will look into possibly adding a disclaimer the information will not be shared outside of COA.

Carol Morrissette asked if there were more people using the Food Pantry before the Pandemic. Lisa responded there were more people before the Pandemic and that it's not by appointment. Carol suggested folks might not know they don't need an appointment.

Lisa noted some folks don't like to have to assemble meals as evidenced by the amount of dried beans in the Food Pantry.

June Activities

Lisa Petraglia noted Governor Baker announced on May 29 the Commonwealth is fully open. If you are fully vaccinated you can take off your masks. Folks who are not fully vaccinated are asked to keep their masks on. June 15 State of Emergency ending.

We have a few activities in June which Healthy Bone and Balance on Mondays and Thursday, starting on June 10. Starting on June 14 will be Easy Country Fitness. The activities are by appointment only and will be held outside.

The Foot Care Nurse is scheduled for June 21 from 9 to 2 in the lunchroom by appointment only.

In July possibly start the High Blood Pressure Clinic, Tai Chi and some Bingo.

Sometime in July we will be ready to have some sort of a lunch program, possibly only three days a week. The Board of Health will be included in the decisions.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the COA Board will be held on June 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. The Board discussed locations for an in-person meeting.

Lillian Camus suggested meeting in the lunchroom at the COA. Lisa will check into that possibility.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carol Morrissette and seconded by Barbara Hauschild. Approved unanimously by all members present and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the May 19, 2021 Granby Council on Aging Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

- March 17, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Financials and Accounting for March and April