

GRANBY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 19, 2022

Location: via Go-to-meeting

Members Present: Barbara Hauschild – Co Vice-Chair
Lillian Camus – Secretary
Anne Boutot – Member
Carol Morrissette - Member
Julie Duffe – Affiliate Member

Absent: Bob Camus – Chairperson
Janet Montemagni - Member
Joyce Polverini – Member
Elinor White - Member
Carol Zebrowski – Co Vice-Chair
Don Zebrowski – Member

Others: Lisa Petraglia, Interim COA Director

Barbara Hauschild called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of November 17, 2021 minutes

Approval of the November 17, 2021 minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

Report from COA Director

Lisa reviewed November and December 2021 accounting and activities.

- November
 - Expenses included restocking of office supplies, inspection sticker for one of the vans, the stipend for two yoga classes, restocking the food pantry and the lease on the printer.
 - Income included fares from the shuttle runs, donations to the Senior Fuel Fund, General Gift, Food Pantry and Thanksgiving Basket Fund.
 - Food Service had increases in Bread (1) and Brown Bag (2). Pantry Under 65 and Grocery Delivery remained the same.
 - Transportation had an increase in Miscellaneous Trips (3) and a decrease in Medical Trips (5).
 - Support Services had increases in Outreach/SHINE (38), Medical Equipment (1) and Phone Calls (6). A decrease was seen in Wellness Calls (40).

Lisa noted the increase in Outreach/SHINE is partly due to the beginning of Open Enrollment. Additionally, the Clerk's position will remain unfilled for this fiscal year.

- December
 - Expenses included restocking of office supplies, the stipend for two yoga classes, restocking the food pantry, replacement of a failed water heater for a low-income senior citizen household, one request for oil from the non-Senior fund, a donation to Wreaths Across America and the lease on the printer.
 - Income included fares from the shuttle runs, donations to the Senior and non-Senior Fuel Funds, General Gift, Senior Lunch Fund and the Food Pantry Fund.
 - Food Service had increases in Pantry Under 65 (1), Brown Bag (5) and Grocery Delivery (3). Bread and Pantry remained the same.
 - Transportation had an increase in Medical Trips (4) and a decrease in Miscellaneous Trips (6).
 - Support Services had increases in Phone Calls (6) and Sand Buckets (12). Decreases were seen in Outreach/SHINE (27), Medical Equipment (3) and Wellness Calls (41).

Lisa explained regarding replacement of a failed water heater for a senior citizen, it was purchased at wholesale cost, the installation and plumbing labor was donated and the Whiting Fund is splitting the bill with the COA.

Old Business

Water Quality Issue

Lisa Petraglia reported there is still no potable water in the COA building. They are waiting for the approval from the State for a proposed solution.

New Business

Center Operations

Lisa Petraglia informed the Board that on December 29, 2021 she made the decision, due to the increase in the COVID cases in town, to close to Senior Center. People could go into the building by appointment only. Starting January 20, 2022 meals will be served curbside and will not be hot.

Operating Budget FY23

Lisa Petraglia made a presentation to the Selectboard of the Operating Budget for FY23. It was a good meeting.

Lisa did not pursue a Capital budget for a new wheelchair van. Instead, Micheline Turgeon, Interim Fire Chief, is checking with her sources for used vans.

Thanksgiving 2022

Lisa Petraglia suggested, in the interest of saving time and making the gift to the seniors more meaningful and useful, instead of assembling bags and purchasing turkeys we have caterers bid to make a prepared meal which would be served curbside the day before Thanksgiving.

Lisa explained the enormous amount of time and effort put into assembling the bags by the COA staff and volunteers. Issues encountered were recipients of the bags included not wanting to be limited to just white meat in a turkey breast, to not being able to request a specific size turkey so some were large and some smaller.

Julie Duffe was concerned that the amount of food would be less than what was included in the bags.

The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the COA Board will be held on February 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Go-To-Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made by Anne Boutot and seconded by Carol Morrissette to adjourn at 10:23 a.m.. Approved unanimously by all members present.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the January 19, 2022 Granby Council on Aging Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

- Financials and Accounting for November and December 2021