

Council on Aging Minutes for Virtual Meeting on April 13, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. A roll call identified those present: Susan Gomberg (SG), Janis Gray (JSG), Susan Millinger (SM), and Linda Avis Scott (LAS). Absent: JoAnn Bernhard, Melissa Makepeace-O'Neil.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2022: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed by a roll call vote to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2022 as presented.

Business:

Updates:

Financial Update:

March expenses:

\$140 for FootCare by Nurses

Remaining as of the March meeting: \$2822.71

Future expenses of \$500 committed to Village Neighbors and an estimated \$660 needed to cover the last three months of the Foot Clinic leave an estimated \$1522.71

Discussion initiated by JSG about whether or not to ask LifePath to reimburse us for the \$53.90 spent in February for postage for the survey. The decision not to do so was expressed in the following motion, which was made, seconded and passed by a unanimous roll call vote. "That the COA not charge LifePath for the expenses of mailing the survey." JSG pointed out that we also needed to tell this to Nour, administrator of the project.

Foot Clinic: LAS spoke with the Town Administrator, Becky Torres, about whether it would be possible to return to an in-person Foot Clinic in the Senior Lounge in Town Hall. Becky said she would consider it. However, the members present agreed that given the new, very contagious COVID variant, this was not a good time to be thinking of returning to an in-person Foot Clinic.

COA Article in *Our Town*: JSG suggested that she add to the article a thank you to those who filled out the survey. LAS reviewed what she had added to the article.

***The Geezette*:** Sally Fairfield, the editor, was contacted by LAS to see if she is willing to put out an issue this spring. Sally is happy to write articles for the newsletter, but does not want to do the layout. JSG volunteered to take over layout responsibilities.

Discussion of Membership: Tracy McNaughton has let the COA know that she doesn't feel able to join at present. She asked to be kept on mind for possible future membership vacancies, and also said that she would be happy to help with specific tasks.

Announcements: **The Pioneer Valley Veterans Association** invited us to attend a session on veterans benefits for seniors. Unfortunately, the meeting, on April 30, is in-person with no safety protocols, so no member wished to attend.

The drug take-back event is on April 30; the nearest site is Wildwood School in Amherst.

LGBTQI required training: SG has taken it and described it briefly.

Unanticipated items: SG asked what the status was of the survey of town seniors that the COA had worked on. LAS reminded the COA that it had been advised to begin with a general survey before moving on to a survey about senior housing. The survey held for the Aging- and Dementia-Friendly Communities project has met our need for a general survey.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Susan Millinger, Secretary