

GREAT BARRINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING
Claire Teague Senior Center
917 Main Street
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MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2018

WELCOME: The meeting of the Great Barrington Council on Aging held at The Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts was called to order at 1:17 PM by Chair David Rutstein.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair David Rutstein, Vice Chair Pat Kinne, Treasurer Maureen Avery, Secretary Susan Hipwell, Barbara Bailly, Eileen Gaarn, Jeanne Holcomb, Amy Rutstein. Also in attendance was Executive Director of the Claire Teague Senior Center, Polly Mann Salenovich.

MINUTES: Chair Rutstein asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Kinne and seconded by Member Rutstein.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Avery reported a balance in the treasury of \$21,480.04.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Rear View:

- Christine Ward and Sharon Siter delivered a notable demonstration about identifying birds, both at our feeders and in the fields. Thank you, Christine and Sharon!
- Great Barrington Health Care offered-up, once again, another exceptional and complimentary meal for our Cinco De Mayo Latin Lunch. Muchas gracias! ¡Le apreciamos!
- The MMRHS Pathway students, Nancy Graham, Dianne Dillion, and the jazz band are to be commended for making our first "Senior Prom" a huge success.
- Jenn Bailly, through the training she received with CTSB, has been video-recording some of our programs, such as our Tai Chi class which will allow the participants to continue with the class while the instructor is out on medical leave. The Senior Prom was also recorded and we were pleased to accommodate a parent of one of the students who requested a copy.
- Kitchen volunteers have been working overtime, filling in for volunteers that are absent due to illness.
- We had a few people attending the *free* Estate Planning session. Dining for Women was pleased to hold one of their meetings at the Senior Center and plan on scheduling another in the future. To those who are unfamiliar with what we do here, all of these events help to reveal the inner workings of the Senior Center.
- On May 25th Polly met with our representative, Smitty Pignatelli, along with a number of community members, to examine the possible use of the old Eagleton School site as an adult day program. Polly and John Lutz, Executive Director of Elder Services discussed the need for a larger adult day program in south county and they speculated, that, if, funding were available, an addition to the Senior Center might be conceivable down the road.
- Polly requested the GB COA to consider what would be the most advantageous use of the \$50,000 grant earmarked for the Senior Center (if, and when, it becomes available).

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Look Ahead:

- June 4th – “Little Bit Farm” Mobile Food Market – Fresh farm vegetable mobile mart, created by Ed Hotaling, will be visiting the Senior Center/Brookside parking area every other Monday at 1:00 PM. Plants are for sale now; produce will be available as the season progresses. Ed will introduce himself and explain how to use SNAP benefits to your advantage.
- June 8th – 8:00 AM: Trip to Hildene in Manchester, VT
- June 9th - 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM: Third Annual TapFest – featuring the adult students of our very own Carolyn Calandro. The Berkshire Hillsmen and local musicians, both duets and ensembles, will be performing also.
- June 12th - 11:30 AM: Great Barrington Health Care will be providing another *free* lunch. Sign-up sheet is in the dining room.
- June 13th - 12:15: (following lunch) “Memory Lane” A slide show presentation on the subject of Bill Clark’s days in Vietnam, along with background music by Sam Rosen.
- June 20th – 11:30 AM: Cookout Time – Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salads . . . YUM! Cost is \$2.00 – Sign-up sheet is in the dining room.
- June 22nd - 1:00 PM: Dog Show & Pooch Parade – Six pooches will perform tricks for your entertainment. Refreshments will be served. Sign-up sheet is in the dining room.
- June 25th – 7:30 AM: Day Cruise on the Erie Canal – Lunch will be served at the Water Street Grill. 1:00 PM – (Board the Cruise Boat) – 5:30 PM – (Arrive back in Gt. Barrington). Cost per person is \$25.00. See trip board for details.
- June 27th – 11:30 AM: Breakfast for Lunch – Chef Bob Avery is back and will be preparing another tasty meal. This time “breakfast for lunch.” Sign-up sheet is in the dining room. Cost is \$2.00.
- June 28th – 12:30 PM: 4TH of July Holiday Craft Class: Join Carolyn Calandro – She will be showing the class how to make a paint stick deco flag and flag pins. Samples are displayed in the dining room on the sign-up table. Cost is \$5.00 per person which includes supplies.
- Friday Tanglewood Rehearsals – The dates are: July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3, 17, 24. The rehearsals begin at 9:30 AM and end around 11:30 AM. Transportation – (car-pooling) Sign-up sheet is on the “Trips” board.

FREE FUN FRIDAYS - 2018 SCHEDULE

June 29	Berkshire Theatre Group – The Mount (Edith Wharton’s Home)
July 6	Hancock Shaker Village
July 13	Chesterwood
	Ventfort Hall Mansion & Gilded Age Museum
	Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center
July 27	Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood
August 3	Naumkeag (The Trustees of Reservations)
August 10	Jacob’s Pillow
August 17	Berkshire Museum
August 24	MASS MoCA
August 31	Norman Rockwell Museum

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CITIZENS SPEAK: None

BOARD SPEAKS:

- Members discuss the best use of the \$50,000 earmarked for the Senior Center. Expanding the kitchen and making it a commercial type kitchen was broadly considered. Member Gaarn suggested that a playground for children, placed in proximity to the Senior Center, might bring the generations together.
- Members discuss how to further advertise “what we do here.”

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Rutstein made the motion to adjourn and Vice Chair Kinne seconded. It was unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hipwell Morris

Secretary

Approved June 27, 2018