

GREAT BARRINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

Claire Teague Senior Center
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MEETING MINUTES
April 24, 2019

WELCOME: The meeting of the Great Barrington Council on Aging held at The Claire Teague Senior Center, 917 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts is called to order at 1: 15 PM by Chair David Rutstein.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chair David Rutstein, Vice Chair Pat Kinne, Treasurer Maureen Avery, Secretary Susan Hipwell, Members Barbara Bailly, Jeanne Holcomb, Sandra Larkin and Amy Rutstein are in attendance. Member Gaarn is absent. Polly Mann Salenovich, Director of the Claire Teague Senior Center is also present.

MINUTES: Chair Rutstein asks for a motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019. Member Avery makes the motion to approve and Member Rutstein seconds the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Avery reports a balance in the treasury of \$25,825.87.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Due to some constraints with building permits, etc. – some necessary changes were made to the Earmark budget as follows:

Landscaping/Picnic Area	\$14,800
ADA compliant picnic	\$2000
Storage shed for DMD	\$4000
Garden supplies/benches	\$800
Landscaping	\$8000
Building Improvements – (Dining Room/Kitchen	\$18,881
Air conditioning	\$4000
Acoustic paneling & sound system	\$9550
Window shades in dining room	\$2631
Kitchen appliances & supplies	\$2700
Outreach	\$9000
Website design	\$4000
Marketing & newsletter mailings	\$4000
Community outreach event	\$1000
Operations of staff office space	\$2000
Office Remodel	\$5000
Transportation	\$2300

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Polly attended a conference for “Age Friendly Community and Dementia Friendly Community.”

Upcoming Events in May:

- Saturday, May 4th – 2:00 PM – “Bingo a la Mode” will be hosted by the Thursday Morning Club. Donation is \$15.00, which includes pie, beverage and bingo cards. This is a scholarship fundraiser for students of Monument Mountain High School.
- Thursday, May 9th - 11:30 AM – Mother’s Day Luncheon to honor all moms. On the menu is roast pork with gravy, au gratin potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash, roll and a dessert. Dee Foster, guest soloist, will serenade us with her beautiful voice.
- Thursday, May 9th – 4:00 PM – Elder Law Program. Given by Paula Almgren, Esquire. She will discuss important topics facing seniors today.
- Wednesday, May 15th – 12:30 PM – Hospice Care will explain the considerations for “end of life” care, what forms are needed, how to complete them and lastly, what to do with the forms after they are completed.
- Thursday, May 16th – 12:30 – Elder Services will present information about malnutrition affecting the senior population.
- Friday, May 17th @ 12:15 PM – The featured movie is “Green Book,” a very moving film and an academy award winner for BEST PICTURE. Popcorn will be served.
- Tuesday, May 21st – 11:15 AM -12:15 PM – “90’s” Luncheon to honor all of our friends turning 90 this year and those who are already 90 or older. We will have a free meal provided by Great Barrington Health Care and the special guest singer, Susan Segall, will perform.
- Thursday, May 23rd – Sheffield & Gt. Barrington Senior Centers have joined in planning a trip to MGM Casino. Lunch and entertainment are included. Cost is \$84.00 per person.
- Thursday, May 23rd @ 10:30 AM – Prescription Advantage, a state sponsored program that works with your Medicare Part D. Learn how you can save money on your prescription drugs.
- Wednesday, May 29th – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “2019 Health & Safety Fair” sponsored by S.A.G.E. TRIAD & GB Council on Aging. Demonstrations by the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">*Berkshire County Sheriff Self Defense “Stop the Bleed”*Demonstrations by the GB Fire Department*Demonstrations by the GB Police Department*Faiview Hospital – Choke Saver & Heimlich Demos
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AND

free cookout – hot dogs, hamburgers, salads & chips

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Jumping ahead to June:

Saturday, June 8th 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Tapfest will feature the adult dance students of our very own Carolyn Calandro. This is our 4th Annual (free) Tapfest. Local musicians, both duets and ensembles will perform as well. Finger foods and refreshments will be served. This is a real crowd-pleaser. Thank you Carolyn for all your hard work and talent to make it so!

BOARD SPEAKS: Member Kinne suggests the possibility of spending some of the landscaping money to fund an extension of River Walk through the Greenagers program. Member Bailly queries what is happening with respect to CTSC signage at Route 7 entrance. Member Bailly refers to implementing a proposed “FIX-IT” program for seniors and the board explores the prospect of utilizing volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chair calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Bailly makes the motion to adjourn and Member Rutstein seconds the motion. It is unanimously agreed to adjourn at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hipwell Morris

Secretary

Approved June 12, 2019