

ACOA Minutes, November 18, 2019

Committee members- Present: Rachelle Tome, Alice Pollis and Patricia Oh  
 Absent: Diana Mosher, Gracia Woodward,

Other attendees present: Missy Halsey, Peggy Muir

A quorum was established, and meeting called to order at 2:31 PM	Tasks	Person Responsible
October minutes were amended and approved		
<b>Membership</b>		
Patricia Oh was introduced as a new Committee member. Peggy Muir and Maureen Booth have submitted paperwork to join the committee.		
<b>Committee Updates</b>		
<u>Program and activities</u>		
Tabled until the December meeting. Possibilities include field trips/excursions.		
<u>Wellness</u>		
Members agreed to schedule another flu clinic in September of 2020. One recommendation was to schedule on session during the day and another. It was also suggested that ACOA coordinate with BCDI.		Parking lot
<u>Public Relations</u>		
a) Newsletter: Peggy Muir graciously agreed to develop the ACOA news article for the January/ February edition. Possible topics include election info (rank choice is not part of the primary), 2020 Census awareness, Winter safety and social involvement. Thank you, Peggy!	Jan/ Feb article to Nicole Briand by 12/1	Peggy Muir
b) Public awareness: 2020 Census- members agreed that this was an important topic to share with our Senior community. Gathering accurate data is critical to informing many decisions related to supporting our Senior community.	Gather information from Maine census	Patricia Oh
<b>Discussions</b>		
<u>Isolation</u> : who are the Elders in our community experiencing isolation and what are ideas for supporting their needs? We'll continue to explore this in the coming months.	Continue discussions at the December meeting	

<p><u>Winter safety</u>: winter can provide additional challenges for safety. Are there ideas or activities, in addition to our Bucket Brigade, that can assist those in need? One thought was to see if students needing community service hours might provide shoveling for walkways and steps. No actions at this time.</p> <p><u>Winter activities</u>: members suggested exploring additional activities for Jan-Mar. Perhaps a movie day? Joanne Savoie, who previously helped with Programs and Activities might have some ideas to share. Having a regular schedule for events was suggested, as well as partnering with our community groups such as MAC or Watersong.</p>		
<p><b>AARP /Senior Summit updates</b></p>		
<p>AARP regional meeting will be scheduled soon. Patricia will keep us updated. The monthly AARP call will be Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Patricia for call-in details.</p>		
<p><b>Other items</b></p>		
<p><u>2020 census</u>: the group discussed the need to provide awareness for elders around the importance of the census and to explore ways to provide support. Patricia will be talking to state census representatives and will bring back information for the December meeting.</p> <p><u>Recycling</u>: concerns were shared regarding access for elder at the recycling barn, where entries can be slippery. Recent changes in recycling rules may necessitate updates on what can recycled. Members suggested a field trip to the site and working with the select board to determine possible solutions which might include setting a specific day of the week for elders and/or having MtA students available to assist where needed. More discussion in Dec.</p> <p><u>Sidewalk update</u>: Patricia, Rachele and Nicole Briand will be meeting with DOT on Monday, Nov. 25 regarding the need for a crosswalk that crosses Rt. 24 from Main Street. An</p>		

update will be provided at the December meeting.		
<b>Items for next meeting</b> --2020 census support and planning --Winter activities --Recycling and the recycling center --Crosswalk update --Revisit accountability		
Adjourned at 3:42. Next meeting Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 2:30.		