

KINGSTON COUNCIL ON AGING – ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

Chairman, Caty Starr called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman: Caty Starr, Vice Chairman, Donna Weinberg, Secretary, Joan Hutchison, Maureen Elwood, Mary Hayes, Mary Harriman, Kathy Studley.

Others Present: Marybeth Lawton – COA Director, Lucille Coletta

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Thank you to PAC-TV

Caty Starr announced that there is still an opening on the OCES Board of Directors.

And that there is need of a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for Friday mornings.

Secretary's Report: A motion to accept the Secretary's report was made by Mary Hayes, and seconded by Donna Weinberg, and approved by all.

Open Forum: No one responded.

No one attended the "**Office Hour**" with the Advisory Board prior to this meeting today.

Director's Report: See report attached. Ms. Lawton updated the group on the **Café** attendance. Signup for Thursday's main meal need to be made by Friday of the previous week, with a limit of 25. She updated the group on **Vaccines** and encouraged all to receive the RSV vaccine, AREXVY. She updated the group on Senior Center **software** for Birthdays, and discussed the **Compact Grant** and is looking into other areas for grants also. She discussed classes available for **devices** and is investigating other **new classes** coming soon to the center. (see list at #6 of Director's Report.) Ms. Studley discussed the possibility of some **bus trips** in the future.

Associate Member: An application was received from Lucille Coletta and a copy given to all Board members. Ms. Studley spoke in favor of Ms. Coletta and mentioned the various programs where she volunteers time at the Center. A motion was made by Joan Hutchison and seconded by Kathy Studley, and approved by all to send the recommendation for appointment to the BOS.

BOS January 16th Meeting: Reminder of the Diane Mola appeal at 6:15.

Advisory Board Email: coa-ab@kingstonma.gov

Bocce Court update: MaryBeth has ordered a portable set that can be used in the patio room.

Remembered: There was a moment of silence for James Meuw, a former Kingston Housing Authority Board member.

A Motion to adjourn at 12:22, was made by Mary Hayes & Seconded by Maureen Elwood, all agreed.

Next meeting: January 16th at 6:15 in Room 200 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Hutchison, Secretary