

Age Friendly Meeting Minutes July 13, 2022

Approved 08-10-2022

Attending: Ed Dodge, Maggie Edmondson, Elaine Katz, Marianne Perry

Guest attendees: Romaine Turyn and Melissa Small

Approval of June 8, Minutes with one requested correction – Elaine will forward to Kristen

Old Business:

1. NDN – Elaine and Bruce Bourgoine attended the orientation in June. Bruce is scheduled to meet with Harald. Elaine will contact Misty to arrange for herself to be the email contact on their ListServe. The organization is holding an online silent auction fundraiser.
2. Election Night Table: Between the hours that Marianne and Elaine covered the table, many people signed up expressing interest in getting involved in a variety of capacities. Romaine will ask Holly to add these names to the list she has already has. Maggie will type up the list and send it to Marianne who will follow up with introductory calls.
3. Continued discussion on Committee Organization:
Maggie has agreed to continue creating the agenda
Elaine will continue doing the minutes
Ed will be the Handy Helper liaison to Kristen – to follow up on requests
Maggie will be the contact person to Kristen for all other things
Marianne will follow up with Kristen regarding the most recent Handy Helper request
Yet to be decided – how to handle the monthly article for the Messenger and other reports
4. Membership -We were notified that Ed Sims sent his Letter of Resignation to the Town Office. We are uncertain as to the status of Eric Johnson since we do not know if he has filed an Application at the Town Office. All agreed that the AFC needs additional membership
5. Comprehensive Plan Survey – Elaine worked with Eric and Greg to include several survey questions that relate directly to age friendly concerns.
6. Handy Helper – discussion was addressed under previous sections

New Business:

1. Melissa Small, Readfield Librarian was invited to the AFC to talk about the possible ways we can collaborate. Melissa shared that the library serves a very diverse older population in a multitude of ways. She approaches this in 3 ways.

Collection: The library has a very active ILL request program/ Large Print books will now be InterLibrary loaned from the Maine State Library/ our library has increased LP section to about 50 books/ maintaining audio CDs and DVDs

Programming: Author events/Workshops and One-to-One assistance/Home Delivery (currently to 4 or 5 recipients)/Curbside Pick up/Grandparent Storytime/Hybrid Book Group/ Special Consideration to the timing of events for our older population other than at night/ Providing books to Balsam Assisted Living facility

Publicity: using the Messenger, Library Facebook and Website/direct emails/Advertiser/in the future placing flyers in the home delivered meals through the Cohen Center/ library sign board/ fire station sign?

Finally, we spent considerable time brainstorming age friendly themes for programming and displays. We will continue to do this at our next AFC meeting.

Gardening

Grief

Genealogy

Financial health/Scamming

Brain health and other health related topics

Caregiver information

Personal safety

Computer literacy

Intergenerational programs

Knitting/crocheting/other crafts

Coffee/tea times

2. Future Projects – the idea of creating a Welcome Basket for new residents overlaps nicely with promoting the library as well. We will continue to work on the details at the next meeting.
3. We did not get to discuss hopes and expectations for our new liaison to Select Board, Steve DeAngelis. This will be included on the next agenda.
4. Incident at Readfield Beach – a member of the AFC organized a birthday party for a senior resident and was told there was a fee for the use of the beach facility. Use of the Readfield Beach is free for Readfield residents. This unfortunate misunderstanding occurred as a result of a lack of signage that a permit (even for residents) is required. Several suggestions were offered to prevent this from happening again that will be passed along to Eric- perhaps the attendant can issue beach passes by contacting the town office during regular business hours for resident verification.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 Next meeting August 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted: Elaine