

Harvard Council on Aging
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 4pm – 5pm

The Council On Aging Board of Director's Meeting is being held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20. Interested individuals can listen in and participate by phone and/or online by following the link and phone # below.

Attendees: Debbie Thompson, Guy Oliva, Beth Williams, Margaret Murphy, Kelene Blumstein, Kim Schwarz

Not in Attendance: Chet Hooper, Lynne Musto-Pesa, Nancy Webber, Carl Sciple, Wade Holzman

Guest: Barbara Cerva, FCOA, Ira Ockene

Call meeting to order 4:02pm

- Approval of May board meeting minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Director's report.
 - OUTREACH:
The most pressing issue the outreach team are working on currently is helping adult children who are requesting assistance with their parents. Many of these elders are dealing with light to moderate memory loss issues and the adult children are at a loss as to how to help their parents. Some are living a distance away, and need to know what resources are in this area for their loved ones.
 - PROGRAMS:
The programs on the Elder Law Clinic and the Mass Audubon were both big hits! We had 20 to 25 people at both events and lots of questions were asked and answered during these. In addition, they were filmed by HCTV so once they are edited, you will be able to see them on the cable channel.
Our trips are also going very well. We have had two full trips this month with another one heading out tomorrow to Garden at Elm Bank, and we expect the events that we have to be very full – not only because they are great, but also because people are eager to come see the new building!
 - THE BIG MOVE:
We have not changed our plans for events and are keeping our schedule busy. The move date is June 20 th at 9am (TODAY!) Even though we will be still settling in, we are having our Ice Cream Social on Thursday, June 22 nd and have over 90 people signed up.
 - COMING EVENTS: Programs are in person unless otherwise noted.
 - Wednesday, June 21 10am Garden at Elm Bank trip
 - Thursday, June 22 2pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 - Tuesday, June 27 1pm Scammer tactics presentation
 - Tuesday, June 27 1pm TED talk
 - Wednesday, June 28 11:30 Restaurant review Stephen Anthony's
 - Wednesday, July 5 1pm TONY FUNCHES original member of THE PLATTERS
 - Tuesday, July 11 1pm Minuteman presentation on food safety
 - Tuesday, July 18 1pm Balance talk

Wednesday, July 19 9am trip to Butterfly Garden and Yankee Candle 26th.

- Treasurer's Report for June,
 - Margaret reported that she had just received the munis, but that they are very confusing to translate. She and Debbie will meet to figure things out.
 - Trends seem to be in line with the prior month.
 - Gift account still reflects the total amount. Billing for \$34,000 in Table & chairs purchases still hasn't hit. Debbie and Margaret will follow up with Finance.
- Update on progress with new building.
 - Happened today, June 20th.
 - Still waiting for Maria's desk. DPW will pick it up from Devens.
 - Currently no phones or internet, so COA will be offline this week.
 - PBC will be working on Solar for the new building, now that we're moved in. This should not impact activities while being installed.
- Public comment and other items.
 - Ira Ockene gave us a rundown of his experience as a Cardiologist and is looking forward to his upcoming Board membership.
- Meeting calendar for 2023.
 - No July meeting.
 - August 15th, 2023 9:00-11:00 am (in person at new building)
- Closing remarks and meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM.