

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING  
January 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:45 AM

**PRESENT:** John Riesen (2021), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2020),  
Martina Wharton (2020), Devon Hock (2023), Dorothy del Valle

**ABSENT:** Joanne Sousa (2021)

**STAFF LIAISON MEMBERS Present:** Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services; Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor; Yamilmarie Figueroa Outreach Coordinator.

The minutes of December 14, 2020 were read and approved by Martina Wharton, with a second by John Riesen.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT:**

Pat reported that the Senior Center is currently fully staffed.

- Grant applications are about 1 month behind.
- Budget is doing well, most programs are being funded, only charging for drive through meals only.
- Planning is underway to improve the kitchen for sanitation and eco-friendliness.
- A new bus is planned within this year's budget.
- The rugging project is finished and they are working on a new sign for the Senior Center.
- There is a plan to partner to help out with vaccine distribution and information when the time comes.

**SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:**

Sarah introduced Yamil, who will be the new full time Outreach Coordinator. She will also be managing Transportation as well. Yamil gave an introduction and John Riesen gave a brief overview of Committee duties and efforts. Sarah continued to discuss:

- Transportation is currently being used primarily for medical transportation
- Restructuring of employees has been completed to fill mostly full time positions
- Senior Center Update: There has been a continuation of meals on wheels, transportation, wellness calls, online programs, pick up meals, pick up treats, and craft kits with a good amount of participation.
- Town awarded CVD grant of \$500,000. Senior Center will be involved and is in the preliminary planning stages to provide an expanded food program and grocery items for pick up.
- There has been expanded access to technology, expanded wifi into the parking lot, one on one appointments for device use, and an increased capacity of devices.

- Applied for a State Dept. grant for hotspot access to support the Senior Center.
- Evening of Remembrance programs have been planned. A vigil is to be held in the parking lot, following social distancing protocol, with luminaries to honor those who have passed. The next vigil to be held January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 3pm.
- Nancy Trawick-Smith commented on vaccine rollout relying on technology with discussion following.

**JOHN RIESEN'S REPORT:**

John introduced two new representatives, and stated there are currently 3 vacancies for representatives (Glen Ridge, Wright's Way, and Juniper Hill). Discussed ways to get word out regarding vacancies.

**Glen Ridge:** Position vacant. **Juniper Hill Village:** Position vacant. **Wrights Way:** Position vacant.

**Old Business:**

- A. John Riesen said Brochure sub committee is planned to be an order of business before February 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**New Business:**

- A. Coffee Hour will continue to occur virtually in 2021.
- B. Still vacancies within the Commission. Discussed ways to get word out.
- C. Link will be sent out to access recording of COA meeting.
- D. The meeting was conducted on "Go to Meeting", no one appeared to address the Commission.
- E. The next regular meeting is February 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22AM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Devon Hock.