

***Lenox Community Center  
Board Meeting  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:00 pm***

*Attendance: Sheri Gaherty, Rose Casey, Jen Picard, Tony Patella-Chairman, Mike Cooney, Steve Coon and Francie Sorrentino*

*Public Comment: 6:02-6:12. Felicity and Blake McCelllehan came to propose a Pickle Ball Court here at the Center on our current Tennis Courts. Dickie Piretti was asked his opinion and he advised tape versus paint lines for the revised court, so they could be removed for Tennis use. The cost would be approximately \$400.00 to get started. Kim would like to bring Joan Schultz the Athletic Director from Lenox High School who uses the Tennis courts as their home court on board to be sure it wouldn't interfere with the MIAA.*

*Acceptance of Minutes: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes – Accepted.*

*Senior Services Report: Busy Fall and Holidays. Our Mondays with Me coffee hours went well in November; Jim Clark Director of Veteran's Services came to make a presentation. Our living room was full, and folks came with notepads and questions. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Police Chief O'Brien addressed the concerns of seniors and everyone impressed that he took the time to sit and talk with them. We took a break during the Holidays and started back up again with the current board president from OLLI addressing a small group about that program. Jane Kelley, our resident Foot Care Nurse is coming on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to give a presentation about the importance of proper foot care.*

*The Boston Post Cane was presented to long time Lenox resident Clarice Clement in November. Clarice is 103 and lived on East New Lenox Road for over 60 years. Clarice now resides at Hillcrest Commons where a very nice reception was held in her honor, about 20 guests attended. Chris Ketchen was on hand to make the presentation of the cane.*

*The Friday afternoon movies have been a great success with about 12 folks attending each month. We have shown Going in Style, Last Vegas, and Quartet and this month Calendar Girls...All fun movies they can relate to, and everyone has a good time.*

*Our Sidebar was hosted by Attorney Jeff Lynch in November with a full schedule. Attorney Paula Almgren has a full schedule, hosting next week.*

*In December we took 14 seniors to Holyoke Mall for shopping, and then we went to Chicopee to a very authentic Pulaski Club where we enjoyed the Polish buffet. Deb Carter's bisque ware class for ceramic Christmas tree was well attended and they all came out great. Sue Holmes also held another Holiday craft class-those who came really enjoyed it, however we did have several cancellations.*

*The Cork n Hearth welcomed back our group for lunch on November 15<sup>th</sup> and we had a beautiful day to dine by the lake view. Kimball Farms did their traditional meal for the Holidays and we had 75 seniors attend. Lee Bank generously sponsored our entertainment- a wonderful performance by Patrick Tobin from the Springfield area. His performance is a tribute to Frank Sinatra, and he looks and sounds the part. Chez Nous from Lee is bringing lunch next week- they are new to the program, we are all looking forward to it.*

*On January 29<sup>th</sup> a Writer's Think Tank will be held on Monday afternoon. No experience needed, just a chance for those interested to work together at writing in an informal setting.*

*BCAC has decided that they want to make sure all applications are completed by one of their own employees, so Janie McCormack is taking appointments here at the Community Center to help facilitate. Janie has met with several people in the last few months. Sue Holmes still fields the calls and can help with compiling the information needed, however when Janie meets them she enters everything right into the computer at that time. This speeds the whole process up.*

*The Book Club is limping along with just a few people still interested in keeping it going. Mary Jane Collins has headed south for a few months, so those remaining take turns leading the group discussion.*

*Van Usage: November=44, December=33, these numbers are up from 24 and 23 respectively in 2016. The van service in Lee is starting to gain interest, and some of this increase is due to that, but we also have had some new independent-living people start to use the van.*

*The congregate lunch numbers are staying steady with a few people leaving, but a few new faces joining us. Gloria Cohen (Tax work off) is now calling the BINGO games, which pleases everyone.*

*Sue ended the year with about 17 outreach contacts either through home or office visits or by a simple phone call in November and December, and Sue has made 2 outreach home visits this week to start off 2018.*

*Director's Report: heating project is 96% complete. Kim and Sully need to be trained on usage and such. Game room still has issues down below, pipe insulation is being done.*

*In November 2017 tow new tenants moved into the apartment above the Center. Emma Haskell and Michelle Messana moved in, it was a smooth transition.*

*Budget- Kim met with Chris Ketchen- Town Manager. Kim handed out a packet with highlights to Board members.*

*AED for Center, Beach and Parks, Kim has been working with Larry Morse from Lenox Fire Department for information in purchasing the AED's required by law.*

*Beach Policy: Should it be Lenox Residents only? – Life Guards on duty 10-6. Hire 3 people for Parking Lot Duty- 10-2 and 4-8 (lock bathrooms and gate). Or continue on as is? The Board has options to think about.*

*New/Old Business: Chairman Patella presents a Resignation letter from Michelle Messana-Youth Services. Each Board member also received one via Postal Service. A discussion ensued on the Youth Services position.*

*Meeting adjourned @ 7:28pm*

***Respectively submitted,***

***Francie Sheehan Sorrentino,  
Secretary***