

*Lenox Community Center
Board Meeting
October 21, 2020*

Attendance: Jen Picard, Darlene McCauley, Director, Tony Patella-Chairman, Rose Casey, Sheri Gaherty- co-Chair, Donna Lefkowitz, and Francie Sorrentino

Public Comment: NONE

****Darlene read a letter sent by James Blake regarding Remote Learning and the assistance offered here at the Center.****

Acceptance of Minutes of September 16th, 2020: Motion made by Sheri/second by Jen.

Senior Report: Sue tells us that the Van use is increasing, and continues to offer rides for Medical appointments, and such. Wednesday we offered a Walmart shopping day, hosting 4 people per ride.

Christine Ford' Exercise Class has moved inside for the winter months...continued precautions of social distancing and such are being practiced.

We have 3 of our Elder's who have signed on to have their Story told. This is a great project offered by the Nordic Ski Team from Lenox Memorial High School. Students will interview our Elder's and write their stories.

Brown Bag program is back to normal. We are distributing 40 Bags. The next Brown Bag will be offered on November 19th.

SHINE: Remains busy, and are practicing new protocols. Due to Covid everything is being done via email, or return envelope.

Kerry Sullivan provided 60 new residents to reach out to. Sue Holmes continues to reach out and kept in touch with our Elder's through the "Town Meals" program as well.

We were unable to offer any special activities or events due to Covid.

This is Sue Holmes 85th Report to our Board...Sue is retiring next month from our COA Coordinator. Sue has been an asset to our programs here at the Center, and has advocated for our townspeople in their best interest. We as a board wish Sue well and many years of a well deserved retirement.

Youth Report: Caroline shares with us her Walking program, that our “Kids” painted rocks, and that the Center will be hosting Trunk or Treat for our families in town. Darlene is crafting a statement to be sent out through the Town.

Remote Learning: We offer learning assistance to 8 students from Lenox schools....the students do their remote learning, have lunch, recess, and playtime. We had a total of 17 sign up however folks left for different reasons.

Wendy Allegrone and Green- Agers/ Flying Deer are offering a program. Darlene is seeking more information regarding this and is looking forward to bringing it to the Center.

Pleasant Valley is hosting an After School Program....12 Kids one of our Staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 at Pleasant Valley. The fee is \$125.00 or \$12.50 per day. The Center would do the Registration and handle the Fee. Becky Cushing is our contact for this offering.

Beach Yoga hopefully will turn into Hybrid program for Yoga.

Director’s Report: Darlene tells the Board that Caroling will be leaving Lenox Community Center. Caroline has a passion for Teaching and is pursuing her career. Darlene is posting Caroline’s position and for Senior Services.

Old Business: Pickle Ball Court, Darlene spoke with Chris Ketchen regarding the Court being a Multi use Court. Bids will be put out in January to be returned in February. The Pickle Ball crew is eager to get started. Rose Casey questioned if this cuts into the Lenox High program at all, as the schools Tennis Teams uses our courts as their “home” court. It should not interrupt the Schools usage.

*Ice Rink: The Towns current Rink has holes in it and is not really usable.
Option 1: is a 40X60 Rink costs approx. \$1,018.00 with refrigerator unit.*

Option 2: Laurel Lake?

Tree Lighting: Darlene has questions to ask regarding what is planned for Lilac Park, Gazebo, Tree Topper and such...The Lenox Cultural crew may be hosting festivities this season.

Darlene tells us that we are not generating any income without rentals and such.

The Center will host our annual Coat Drive....gently worn, clean coats can be donated here at the Center and folks can come and browse on our Porch and help themselves to suit their needs.

Home Instead won't be doing Santa for seniors this year due to Covid.

The Flu Clinic will be here from 2:00 – 4:30 tomorrow.

There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner and fixings offered through the Community Center for our seniors and families in need on Tuesday November 24th via Curbside from Lenox Memorial High School...sign up is through the Center.

Floors here at the Center are DONE!! YAY!!!

*Boiler is done: Layren's United will go through the building once a year.
We have a new Copier.*

AA Meetings have been held on our porch....the Board voted to let them come inside for the colder months.

Darlene has been getting calls about Rentals.....however due to Covid we are not ready yet to host gatherings.

Old Business: Donna asked about a raised toilet seat for the Center's restroom handicap bathroom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

Respectively submitted,

Francie Sheehan Sorrentino

