

*Lenox Community Center
Board Meeting
September 25, 2019
6:03pm*

Attendance: Rose Casey, Shari Gaherty-co-Chair, Darlene-Director, Tony Patella-Chair, Donna Lefkowitz, Jen Patella, and Francie Sorrentino.

Tony welcomes Donna Lefkowitz to our LCC Board.

Public Comment: NONE

Acceptance of June 25th, 2019 Minutes: Minutes amended to read Jay Zeif, not Jeff as written.

Youth Services Report: Amanda tells us that the School year is off to a great start. We are running with the same staff along with some of our Summer Camp staff joining the Team.

As of September 19th, we have 121 kids registered for the Game Room Membership, with 95 being in elementary school along with 26 middle school aged kids. Amanda gives us a breakdown by their grade level: K-4. 1-19. 2-16. 3-18. 4-22. 5-16. 6-16. 7-7. 8-3. Also, we have a breakdown by Town: Lenox-54. Lee-4. Pittsfield-16. Stockbridge-4. Richmond-1. Dalton-1. Great Barrington-1. Hinsdale-1.

The Game Room has a new look! The back of the Game Room is now a Craft Room. Our Middle School Area is now moved up front of the Game Room.

After School Birthday's: Kids will get a coupon to receive a free snack, on or around their birthdays, with summer birthday's being randomly selected throughout the school year.

This new School season, staff members are wearing orange staff lanyards with their names on them. Hoping this ensures that children, parents and other adults know who the staff members are and their names.

Senior Services Report: We had lots to do here at the Center this past summer at the COA- including, Trips, Crafts, Luncheons and Speakers. 60 seniors attended the July luncheon from Kimball Farms on Sunset. 59 attended Devonshire's luncheon and Haven will be bringing the meal in October.

We had 60 Farmer's Market coupons given to our seniors for up at the Berkshire Mall which is held once a week, so we flipped one of our shopping days to attend the Market.

One of our "Talks" included Randy Austin, Lenox Town Assessor who talked about property and excise taxes, a small group of 6 attended, but they were engaged and came with questions. 9 seniors enjoyed a trip up to the Beacon Theater to see the new Lion King movie; a good time was had by all.

Smart phone Tutoring is back with one student volunteering to help out on Tuesdays. More students will be available once fall sports have ended. We have appointments booked through October 8th.

Jed Hall will be in on this Friday for Senior Sidebar and all 4 appointment slots are filled.

Our Luncheons continue to be good in attendance. Poker and Mahjong are running smoothly, with 6 to 7 folks coming regularly.

Caroling and Sue are working on deciding on who does what, with the least over lapping. Our programs continue to be filled and enjoyed.

Since June Sue has made 14 outreach calls, with 2 visits and another scheduled for this week. Many of our seniors are happy to have the information over the phone with no home visit necessary.

Director's Report: Darlene tells us that Jonathan Twing who had worked part time for us over the summer while Sully was out, etc. has accepted our Custodial position. Jonathan is doing a great job and is well liked by our seniors and kids.

Donations to LCC: over the past several months the Lenox Community Center has received two significant donations, which we are extremely

grateful for. Claire Cox bequeathed a total of \$200,000.00 and our beloved Gige Darey bequeathed a total of \$10,000.00. The LCC Board and Darlene our Director have begun brainstorming ideas of how to appropriate these funds.

Beach: Perhaps a Pavilion at the Beach honoring Claire Cox. Renovate a room down stairs here at the Center, the upstairs Kitchen, etc. The remainder of the funds could be placed with the Berkshire Taconic endowment fund.

Gige Darey: We are fortunate to have Jen Picard on our Board who unselfishly volunteers her time and talents here at the Center organizes a Garden Club which is right up Gige's alley so some of the funds will go towards our Garden Club as a start.

Darlene has a petition from residents who request the Beach be open longer season wise and hourly wise. The Board is taking this into consideration, weighing pros and cons.

The Docks have been taken out of the water. Next year we will purchase a Rescue Long board.

Renovations to LCC: Porch and Roof over the game room are in the works.

Summer Camp next year- We hope to have longer late registration. Incorporate extra spots- with enough spots to fill 47 passenger school bus including staff. Amanda would like to start and end camp together but organize crafts and games by age groups.

Meeting adjourned 7:09pm

Respectively submitted,

Francie Sheehan Sorrentino