

Ashland Council on Aging

Minutes

January 2, 2020

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Chairperson Alexis Christopher

Board Members:

Present: Alexis Christopher, Joanne Fahy, Diane Hansen, Sara Perkett, Jim Zebrowski

Absent: Jean Delouchry, Carol Love

Guests: Izzy Assencoa (Chair, Friends of the Ashland Council on Aging), Joanne Duffy (Director, Senior Center), Kim Kotob (Activity & Volunteer Coordinator)

Mission Statement: read by Alexis.

Citizen Participation: None.

Secretary's Minutes:

Jim read the December minutes. Diane moved to approve the minutes with minor edits. Alexis seconded the motion. Approved 5-0-0.

Director's Report:

Joanne Duffy reported that December was a busy month, despite being shortened by the holiday closures.

The Board of Health won't approve the serving of food by a company without a catering license. The Community Center kitchen needs to be properly permitted. A Diarrhea and Vomit kit needs to be purchased because there is a kitchen on premises.

A new tax work off cycle has begun. The Town Clerk is seeking more poll workers.

Jim made a motion to approve the Director's Report, Alexis seconded. The motion was approved 5-0-0.

Old Business:

Sara will try to provide input to the redesign of the town website.

Joanne Duffy will bring information about rebranding to the next meeting.

Alexis and Candi are working on an update to the emergency preparedness flyer and hope to have something to show by next month.

Park Road Issues: Joanne Fahy has been reprimanded by Candace Doherty (Director, Ashland Housing Authority) over the phone and yelled at by Dick Maher (Chair, Ashland Housing Authority) in a meeting, so she has chosen not to request our help at this time. Sara reminded us that it is our mission to

advocate for all Ashland seniors. Residents recently met with Jack Lewis, so we decided to wait a couple of months to see what comes of that.

New Business:

Jim announced that BayPath's Board of Directors recently voted to change the name of the organization to Lifeways, Inc.

One Last Thing...

Sara reiterated that our mission covers *all* seniors in Ashland.

Alexis reported that she got a card from the Senior Center, thanking us for our donation for gift cards. She reminded us that we still need additional members. She attended a recent meeting of the Affordable Housing Trust and reported that they have filled their two vacancies and are now up to five members.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

Submitted by Secretary

Jim Zebrowski

Documents distributed:

December minutes

Director's Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COA/Elder Services

January 2020

Administrative Report

Total Served	20 14	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	922 (220) off 5	1307 (304)	1307 (304)	1638 (362)	1406-319	1701-376
February	1266 (324)	1023 (297) off 4	1525 (347)	1241 (326)	1546-406	1646-430
March	1660 (392)	1863 (256)	2027 (436)	1834 (384)	1874-433	1641-384
April -	1713 (388)	1825 (386)	1628 (371)	1510 (351)	1707-425	1615-397
May -	1853 (390)	1687 (357)	1703 (380)	1671 (359)	1761-369	1807-428
June-	1828 (362)	1836 (325)	1697 (349)	1467 (330)	1729-355	1313-347
July-	1507 (341)	1230 (294)	1271 (300)	996 (299)	1258-348	1262-332
August	1485 (380)	1074(239)	1233 (259)	1341 (318)	1418-308	1279-334
Sept-	1734 (379)	1564(386)	2009 (468)	1589 (360)	1565-411	1422-427
Oct.	1993 (373)	1556(394)	1665 (375)	1914 (410)	1843-399	2004-484
Nov.	1469 (371)	1627(364)	1507 (376)	1851 (418)	1884-435	1644-428
Dec.	1169 (299)	1449(367)	1306 (342)	1504(383)	1232-325	1075-376 (off 8)

Holiday Schedule:

Closed: January 20- Martin Luther King Day

January 10 - Town Clerk Meeting - Great Room 9:30am-12:30pm

Volunteer Hours - 106 2/14

January

1/1 Closed

1/2 Pajama Day @ ALL DAY LONG

1/2 Lion's Breakfast (Cancelled)

1/6 Creative Crafting @9:30am

1/9 Soup Day @ 11:30am

1/10 Legal Advice BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

1/13 Hearing Aid Cleaning @ 9:30am

1/13 & 1/27 Needle Work Monday @ 10:00am

1/14 & 1/28 Caregivers Support Group @ 1:00pm

1/14 Intergenerational Book Club @2:00pm Library

1/15 Coffee at Ashland House @ 10:00am

1/22 Clocktown Café @ 1:00pm @ the Bagel Table

1/28 Coffee with Peace and Harmony Homecare @ 10:00am

1/30 Life Long Learning: "Fake News" @ 1:00pm

February

2/3 Creative Craft @ 9:30am

2/10 & 2/24 Needle Work Monday @ 10:00am

→ 2/11 Town Managers Meeting @11:30am

2/11 & 2/25 Caregivers Support Group @ 1:00pm

2/13 ARRP Drivers Safety Course 9:45am

2/13 Soup Day @ 11:30am

2/14 Legal Advice BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

→ 2/26 Clocktown Café @ 1:00pm @ the Bagel Table

→ 2/27 Life Long Learning: "Fake News" @ 1:00pm

Discuss New Board of Health Requirements:

Caterer Licenses

Diarrhea & Vomit Kit Availability

Tax Workoff

The new cycle starts for Tax work off. Please encourage folks to participate – We have openings available. They have the opportunity to work off \$750.00 in a calendar year (59 hours) @\$12.75.

The Town Clerk's office is looking for more Poll workers. If you know someone that might be interested, please have them contact that office.

FCOA Meeting :

Lunch: 107.00

Sales: 89.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Duffy, Director of Elder Services