

Minutes
Advisory Board for Easton Senior Center
Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020 3:30 p.m. Easton Senior Center

Present: Wendy Bowditch , Sally England, Mary Ann Freeman, Prabha Gupta, Eunice Hanson, Joan Kirk, Val Buckley, Randy Shapiro. Via telephone conference call: Pat Camuto, Anne Fiyalka Excused
absence: Althea Falco, Beth Ross

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Ann Freeman at 3:35 p.m.
2. The minutes of the October 12, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Sally England, seconded by Wendy Bowditch.

3. Val Buckley, Executive Director, presented her report. Tickets for the Holiday Raffle, which features 12 baskets, all donated with a \$50 value each, have been distributed for sale and 500 have been sold to date. Our Advisory Board has contributed two of the baskets.

The Estate Fire Sale, chaired by Althea Falco, made between \$2300 and \$2400. Thanks to Althea for her great work.

The Holiday Boutique will open on November 16 and run through December 21. It was organized by Mary Ellen Diana and Cheryl Constand who created beautiful displays of a large amount of merchandise. The Center continues to provide transportation services for people with medical needs such as dialysis or cancer therapy. Only one passenger is allowed in the van and it is thoroughly cleaned after each transport.

A new custodian has been appointed and she also will act as a substitute at the desk if necessary. Some outstanding maintenance issues are being discussed again with administration: the need for exterior railings, repairing the staircase, getting rid of standing water at the flagpole, and some gardening concerns. First Selectman Bindelglass has informed us that the Department of Public Works is getting bids for railings.

4. New Business: We now are showing movies four days a week. There is a maximum attendance of 9 with appropriate distance seating. We have started to serve food with some of the showings i.e. individually wrapped and boxed wraps.

Most of the classes are taking place, observing recent health guidelines. Haircuts, manicures and pedicures are being offered but no massage. There also will be no table games for the foreseeable future. We continue to receive a significant number of monetary donations, many from non-Easton residents. Enough money was collected to purchase new armchairs. The old ones are showing signs of wear and it would be more expensive to reupholster them.

Winter vacation was discussed. It was decided that the Center would be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. We expressed concerns about seniors who may be alone this year for the holidays and will plan some fun events for those weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. on a motion by Wendy Bowditch, seconded by Sally England.

There is no meeting scheduled for December. The next meeting will be on January 12th, 2021.

Submitted by Prabha Gupta/Mary Ann Freeman



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