

Minutes

Easton Senior Center Advisory Board Special Meeting

September 14, 2021 – 3:30 p.m. Easton Senior Center

Present: Mary Ann Freeman; Althea J. Falco; Wendy Bowditch; Prabha Gupta; Patricia Camuto; Ann Fiyalka via telephone; Val Buckley; Randy Shapiro; Joan Kirk.

Excused absence: Eunice Hanson; Sally England; Beth Ross.

1. Mary Ann Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. All attending members wore masks and were socially distance seated.
2. Wendy Bowditch moved, Pat Camuto seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Advisory Board Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Val Buckley addressed the following items in her Executive Director's Report. Rules concerning COVID protocols will continue. Masks will still be required to come into the Center and worn for all events and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test, 72 hours before entry. Small groups (card players, etc.) can remove masks while playing, but must wear their masks if they leave the area until they return. The Center remains open for classes, events, movies and card playing daily. Flu shots have been scheduled to take place at the Center, in partnership with CVS, on October 4th and October 12th. More than 250 people have been signed up for the shots. Discussion and the planning of advisory/informational programs on: A.-Health issues,(i.e. diets, correct medicine schedules); B.-Basic/fundamental financial questions/answers; and C.-Home maintenance safety was talked over. Programs on these subjects will be scheduled and posted in upcoming newsletters. Painting of the curb in front of the Center, parallel to the sidewalk going south, was discussed. Wendy Bowditch has been in touch with Keri English at the Easton Arts Center and she will advise Wendy of the timing. DPW removed a broken limb overhanging the parking lot. The mailing list is being updated. The delivery of the new Senior Center van has been delayed. Originally, delivery was scheduled for November 2021. Expected delivery is now March 2022 at the earliest. The delays are due to lack of availability of parts and/or plant shutdowns.

4. A silent auction/estate articles sale began September 7, 2021. To date, the sale has realized \$470.00 for the Center and will continue through October 8, 2021. The holiday boutique will begin the end of October/beginning of November through the end of December.
5. Discussion of the upcoming Thanksgiving season and food donations was had. Donations will be received and given to needy inner-city families. The need for more volunteers was also discussed. The Board discussed possible new types of financial accounting for classes and events, i.e., intake and depositing of payments more frequently.
6. Wendy Bowditch moved to adjourn the meeting. Althea J. Falco seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Board is scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Easton Senior Center

SUBMITTED BY ALTHEA J. FALCO, SECRETARY