

Minutes

COA Advisory Board Meeting minutes of August 22, 2023

B. Gladstone, J. Cooperman, N. Grossman, M. Kempner, J. Shapiro, B. Caruso, H. Switekowski (Select Board liaison to COA)

Meeting called to order 2:35 PM

Minutes from June 27, 2023 - Unanimously approved.

Beth Caruso chaired meeting as Rob Maidman was out.

Director's Report (B. Caruso)

Beth introduced Tiziana Milano as new Office Manager. Tiziana has worked for the Town in a previous position. Welcome Tiziana.

Search is on for Social Worker/Outreach Coordinator position. Position is presently vacant with resignation of Melissa Shea

Things are going well with Beth. She is learning a lot and listening a lot to get grasp on the Adult Center.

July was opening of Art Gallery. Numbers were low in attendance. Looking for new ways to promote, Board discussed some creative ideas with Beth. There will be a new Art Gallery on September 21st.

Four lectures were held with 91 in attendance.

The monthly party was held with approximately 60 people in attendance. Beth is looking at new ways to freshen up the parties. She is looking at other options (more to come)

Harvesting at the adult center garden took place which yielded vegetables that patrons of Adult Center were able to take home. Also, coupons were given out which can be used at all Farmer Markets.

Beginning in October, Memory Café will return. It will be held on the second Monday of the month.

Town has created a Citizens Academy. The Academy is an information series to be held for all Town Departments. The purpose of the Citizens Academy is to get Sharon citizens educated and involved in community government. The COA will hold a presentation on November 2nd. Beth is looking for ideas on what to present We will discuss at next meeting (9/11).

New resources for seniors will be in lobby.

Sharon High School participation status

Rob and Beth met with new high school principal Many ideas were discussed for intergenerational activities. More discussion will continue.

MGH Research Project (R. Lopez)

At our next meeting, Ruth will discuss how to gain traction for research project..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- HESSCO (E. Feldman): No report
- FSCOA (M. Kempner): No report
- AARP events: (<https://states.aarp.org/massachusetts/events-ma>)

The next COA Advisory Board Meeting will be Monday, September 11th, 2023@ 2:30PM