

Director's Report for April 2022

Ayer Senior Center / Council on Aging

Kitchen/Meals:

Wednesday luncheons provided by Coleman Catering have been successful, with 9-15 people in attendance. Thursdays have a similar turnout. Most MOC meals are not well attended.

We continue to use up leftover food items from the COVID food grant and anticipate that the average cost will be closer to \$10 per senior by the end of May.

Budget:

Based on support from Town Hall and a lack of questions during the two public budget forums, it appears our budget requests for FY'23 are likely to be passed.

Donation Accounts: There is approximately \$6000 across several donation accounts; the majority of which has no earmark. The Director and COA Board will discuss strategic use of these funds over the short and long term.

Programs:

My Senior Center reporting statistics for March 2022:

- Seniors In Attendance (unduplicated): 99
- Total Event Sign-Ins (duplicated): 324
- Total Person-Programming Hours: 379

**These statistics do not count the approximately 25 Meals on Wheels clients & 48 van riders.

New Building:

The Building Committee continues to meet monthly. The DPW hired a land site professional to look at the existing environmental reports available on the West Main Site – results were helpful to declare this site “in or out.” A draft RFP was distributed for edits and will be sent out to all local landowners and real estate agents. The committee has tasked the COA with drafting promotional materials for the effort and beginning outreach to the townspeople. The Senior Center will host an informational session in May.

Transportation:

Sam is on vacation April 11-22. A per diem substitute driver is keeping transportation services available while he's gone.

Volunteers Needed:

Due to existing staffing needs and Senior Center growth, a regular set of volunteers is needed. Katie will draft a schedule and tasks.