

COA Meeting Notes

September 10, 2014

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins, Kevin Rudden and Ann Vandersluis. Absent: Jim Negri. Due to appointments, Bob Carlson arrived at 10:55 and departed at noon. Also present: Director, Amy Wilson Kent, Dick Skinner, John Trainor, Nancy Jenkins and Bob Gebelein.

The secretary's report was approved with one minor correction: Dan Byer, not Jay, is head of Parks Dept. Treasurer and Director's reports were unanimously approved.

The Friend's approved \$600 to repair the garage door which is rusting out. It will require lifting the door up and a new panel at the bottom. Mike Jolicoeur will do the job for \$150 labor with no cost for the panel. The Oct 14 trip to Gloucester MA @ \$79/person is about ½ full. The Friends will have a booth to sell raffle basket tickets at the Lion's Club Fair on Oct 11. Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct 17 and 18. Dairy Queen will have a fundraiser again this year on Oct 15 between 5 and 8pm where a portion of the proceeds for food purchases will go to the Friends.

Old Business

Senior Tea—Seventeen seniors with guests attended. Amy said it was the most successful senior tea yet, but they could have used more volunteers due to the crowd.

July Cookout—went smoothly and was enjoyed by all. Cost was reasonable.

Food Pantry—Carol said the committee will meet on Sept 24 to get on track for fall events, food drive, etc. Four new recipients have signed up. Carol said that she wants to give Market Basket gift certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas in lieu of frozen turkeys and hams. Kevin suggested letting all recipients know in advance so they are prepared. The Scout food drive on Nov 8 is the week after the monthly food distribution, so they will probably move the distribution ahead one week so the recipients will have Thanksgiving fixings.

Senior of Year—Sept 21. The cake has been ordered. Selectmen and senators have been invited.

Building Maintenance & Improvements—regarding the handicap door, Kevin met with 3 vendors who are not interested in doing retrofitting. However, he has one vendor who sounds interested and should know soon. Regarding replacing the front ramp railings he has been waiting for cooler weather.

Senior Center Survey—Kevin will bring 1 or 2 proposals gleaned from the survey to the Oct meeting.

New Business

Veteran's Appreciation—we decided on Friday, Nov 7, for a breakfast from 8-10am. Amy has contacted Marge West to see if the Mendon Minstrels will perform again this year. The menu will be basically the same as last year.

Holiday Dinner—we set the date for Dec 10. Amy will contact Karen Wheet, of the former Finest Gourmet, to see if she would be interested in preparing the dinner. Our second choice is Oliva's. Kevin made a motion that we take up to \$250 out of the gift account if a past sponsor does not come forward. Bob seconded. All approved.

Community Garden—Amy was approached by the Girl Scouts to grow vegetables for the seniors. No one on the board was against it. We will let them discuss this to see if it can come to fruition.

Open Forum

Amy is looking into another CPR training class. Van drivers Wally and Russ are attending a training session today. Amy informed exercise programs will be in need of monies in near future. Kevin will work with Amy on trying to obtain a small grant from Greater Worcester Foundation. Kevin made a motion that the \$15 donation per class from the evening instructor be used to subsidize daytime chair yoga, tai chi and yoga. Mary Ann seconded. All approved. Finally, Amy and Kevin plan to attend a workshop in Falmouth Oct 8-10. Kevin is going in place of Beverly Hart who cannot attend.

Annual Meeting

Earl called the annual meeting to order at 12:25. Amy reported that Jim Negri, who is on medical leave, will step down as chair but will remain on the board.

Kevin nominated Ann to continue as secretary. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

Kevin nominated Carol to continue as treasurer. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

Kevin nominated Earl to continue as vice chair. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

Kevin nominated Bob to serve a chair.

Carol nominated Kevin to serve as chair. Ann seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary

Cc: Jim Negri

