

## COA Meeting Notes

January 8, 2020

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins, Peg Nogueira, Diane Howell, Jennifer Talamini, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Friends' member present: Sue Carlson. Carol Kotros had to leave at 11:15 am.

The Secretary and Treasurer's report were unanimously approved. Ann suggested on the November Treasurer's report that it be indicated that the advertising and printing costs are related to the Scout Food Drive indicating the most needed items. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: she was finally able to contract a plumber to fix the urinal in the men's bathroom; staff are compiling numbers for the annual report; AARP tax assistance for seniors still maintains that our center is too small and not enough volunteers; looking ahead, Laura suggested we need to be more aware of upcoming town events; Facebook is a public record so we need to be careful of what we post, Amy will be attending a meeting to discuss issues and regulations; in the past, we have requested use of the town's electric car to shuttle passengers when the van is in use but the insurance covers employees, not passengers. Jenn suggested the passengers could sign a waiver and Amy said we would probably apply for a grant; Laura suggested having an Open House for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary which comes up on October 28, 2020; Amy said she continues to get requests for raised vegetable beds out back, council not adverse to the idea but concerned about maintenance; what do we think about having the center open a few hours on Fridays with a tax abatement volunteer for crafts, games, cards, etc.? There wasn't a lot of discussion but folks seemed to have reservations.

Friends' Update—Sue Carlson reported they are not meeting until next Monday. They do have 2 trips under consideration: Canyon Country Sept 18-25 and Iceland Nov 11-17. The annual Book Fair is Mar 27-29. The Progressive Yard Sale is either June 6 or 13<sup>th</sup>. They will keep us posted on the date.

### Old Business

Food Pantry Update—Mary Ann reported Monday's distribution went well. Two clients didn't have their ID card. One was sent upstairs, the other went home to get it. Janet was not in attendance. Mary Ann said they need to be told when she won't be there.

Senior Center Tours/Architectural & Engineering—tours on hold for now. Amy will keep Select Board updated on meetings with architect and what progress is being made.

New Year's EVE Party—12/31/19—Peg said she thought it was a great success. It was enjoyed by all 30 attendees. Diane said if they do it again, money should be collected ahead. Also, they should start planning earlier and have more helpers.

ABMI Cable Program—Earl said they are looking forward to working with us.

FY21 COA Budget—Amy kept requests same as last year.

Friends of Elders Senior Center Funding Requests for 2020—will be presented to Friends for approval at next Monday's meeting.

Capital Planning—electric car added to previous requests for alternate transportation.

New Business

Trip Sub-Committee—Mary Ann, Sue and Diane will meet next week to plan some day trips.

Goals & Events for 2020—Amy passed out a tentative Calendar of Events for 2020.

Holiday Hours of Operation—no Tri Valley lunch on Christmas Eve, center closes early.

Tentative New Year's Party on December 31, 2020.

Open Forum

Mary Ann has collected some menus for places to go for our COA/Center Employees luncheon after February's meeting. Earl can't make it on the 12<sup>th</sup> so we will meet Feb 5<sup>th</sup> with lunch to follow at The Greenhouse Restaurant.

Ann asked when the floor will be refinished. Amy said Friday January 17-20(Martin Luther King Birthday). She thanked me for asking and will add it to calendar of events.

Meeting adjourned 12:05.      Next meeting February 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary