

COA Meeting Notes

June 9, 2021

Peg called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Members present: Peg Nogueira, Carol Kotros, Diane Howell, Jenn Talamini, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Earl Pearlman was absent. No Friends' members were present.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: both levels of the interior of the building have been painted a warm and welcoming pale yellow with fresh white woodwork. College student volunteer Aidin was a tremendous help moving furniture both before and after. The remainder of Amy's report will be interspersed throughout the agenda.

Friends' news: Pat Vandenberg submitted a letter of resignation as President of the Friends effective immediately; nearly 50 yard sales have been scheduled for the June 12 town wide Progressive Yard Sale with map booklets available for \$2.00 at the senior center. The newsletter advertisers were acknowledged and thanked in the booklet, per Amy's request, due to their continued support throughout the pandemic.

Old Business

Food Pantry—there have been less home deliveries; stock is ample; a moderate amount of donations are still coming in; Geoff Rochat has volunteered to shop at Market Basket where we have our account relieving Amy of this duty; his wife Karen volunteers sorting food, checking dates and stocking shelves.

Reopening Considerations—the van is back in service for medical appointments; the van's air conditioning was recently repaired; admin assistant, Lina Remillard, submitted a letter of resignation effective immediately; Peg said we need a solid plan for official reopening and which services we are going to offer; we are currently in soft opening mode with Podiatry, SHINE, newsletter, Grab n'Go lunches, monthly Wellness support, cribbage, bridge and weekly yarn workers. We are looking toward September for additional services.

Program Updates—Tri-Valley Grab n'Go lunches will continue for the summer with congregate lunches possibly starting in September depending upon the number of volunteers available; Jenn has spoken with Tyler at ABMI Cable, first program will be interviews with current Seniors of the Year, Dot Leighton and Wayne Phipps, leading into the 2021 Seniors of the Year; next she

will set topics for future programs with Amy and hopefully be able to tape a couple of programs in one day; Volunteer Appreciation and 30th Anniversary are still on hold.

Architectural Study Update—architect Mike called during the meeting to update us; Amy mentioned we will need more office space than outlined in current plan; a meeting was set for Wednesday June 16 to discuss and come up with a workable plan; we asked him about updates to the current building and he said he would not recommend anything that is not necessary.

FY22 Budget—Amy said the budget passed and is now waiting for additional information from the town.

Plumbing Repairs—install filter system to control sediment in men’s room urinal and fix leak in ladies room toilet; will just do necessary repairs. Building repairs—as stated previously, interior was painted; carpenter checked the deck and the structure is not secure and is pulling away from the building. We will not do anything now as it’s too costly and not a necessary update.

Summer Events—senior cookout, Thursday July 22, will be limited to 35; food will be served to diners by 2 or 3 servers at a main serving table; Senior Tea, Sunday August 1, will be a drive through acknowledgement only this year; Janet Hubener is working on details.

New Business

Tri-Valley Meals—as stated previously Grab n’Go for now, congregate possibly in September. Amy will inform Tri-Valley as they need to know.

Senior Citizens Day Parade—we are all in favor of having a parade again this year; Amy said the Lions Club is okay with how we decide to celebrate the event.

Senior of the Year 2021 Selection—Amy passed out the four nominations she received; Ann abstained from voting as she and her husband were nominated; the vote took place and after the nominee or nominees are notified, the results will be posted.

Open Forum—no one had anything further to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Next meeting July 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary