

COA Meeting Notes

March 11, 2020

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Carol Kotros, Jenn Talamini, Diane Howell, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Mary Ann Hopkins was absent.

The Secretary and Director's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: hot water temperature was adjusted down per request of kitchen volunteer, Ann Vandersluis; senior center and van being sanitized every day due to corona virus epidemic; Amy busy coordinating senior tax abatement workers and volunteers for town requests; Amy and Laura have been busy setting up April, May and June programming; new Whole Foods pick-up volunteers are working out very well; at Earl's request we decided to pre-bag all items in light of corona virus.

OldBusiness

Food Pantry—Carol said it's going along well; many clients are bringing their own bags; stock is still adequate; Peg said in case of a senior having to be quarantined for corona virus exposure that we should be prepared to deliver food to them, if needed.

Architectural/Engineering Update—Town Administrator advised wait until after ATM and finalized budget before bringing before town.

ABMI Cable Program—Jenn is aiming for mid to end of April for the first show which will consist of an intro explaining our goals and introduction of COA Board members and senior volunteers; Laura and Amy had discussed changing the newsletter title to "Mendon Senior Scene" and thought it would be a good title for the TV program as well; Peg made a motion to change the title of the newsletter and to call the program "Mendon Senior Scene"; Diane seconded; all approved; the format for future programs will consist of an opening greeting, guest interview, five minute activity highlight and closing updates.

Valentine's Day Party Update—food, music, company great, well attended by 25 guests.

FY21 COA Budget—Amy met with Town Administrator who said FinCom meeting possibly on March 18 for all remaining departments. Our budget is same as last year except for additional hours for our admin position.

Volunteer Appreciation—May 6—in keeping with our Western theme, we decided on a menu of pulled pork, meatballs in barbeque sauce, cole slaw, mac'n'cheese, corn muffins and apple

pie with vanilla ice cream. Some favors considered are bandanas, kazoos and teeny Tabasco Sauce bottles with signage attached stating “Volunteers are a hot commodity”.

Electric Car Update—Amy still doesn’t know if town auto insurance covers passengers. Not a top priority right now.

New Business

MCOA Conference—4/30/20-Jenn and Diane said they would go along with Amy, Laura and Janet.

30th Anniversary 2020—Peg reported no Friends have volunteered to join the committee, so Peg, Jenn, Amy and Laura will proceed with the planning. We set a date of Oct 25, 2020 from 1-4 pm.

Mission/Vision Statement—we discussed the wording of an amended Mission Statement which we will review further next month. Earl suggested the Vision Statement should be short and simple.

Staff Updates—Janet Hubener will be taking an 8 week Shine Counseling course. Our Tri-Valley Lunch Coordinator is changing.

Open Forum

Diane asked about the Friends Book Fair the end of this month. Amy said we need to wait and see what the town decides re: town activities in light of the corona virus epidemic.

Amy spoke with Alan Tetreault about installing a flashing solar light in front of the senior center to slow down traffic. We would have to decide how to fund it. Earl said to put this on the agenda for next month.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am. Next meeting April 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted.

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary