

## COA Meeting Notes

May 11, 2022

Peg called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. Members present: Peg Nogueira, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Diane Howell, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Also attending was Betsy Edsall, Friends' Vice President and Donna Son, who is interested in what the COA does. The meeting took place at the Senior Center and was being audio recorded so we all introduced ourselves with our titles.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a brief Director's report: it was a very busy couple of months; fire extinguishers were tested in April and next year will have to be replaced; the piano was retuned by Dave Byer; a key lock box was installed by the entrance; the legal presentation scheduled for Wed May 18 is cancelled, 22 people had signed up, it will be rescheduled for sometime in June; the remaining report will be interspersed throughout.

Betsy Edsall gave the Friends' report: their monthly meeting was held on May 9, 2022; the Friends' by-laws have been updated and approved by the officers; they currently have 76 paid members; there were no applications for the 2-\$500 scholarships, Friends will try again next year when students will have more opportunity to become eligible with the required 20 volunteer hours; Friends have generously offered to pay for the pizza luncheon following the Mendon Mintrels concert on May 12; trips to various interesting sights are being planned; more members are joining in on the monthly lunch tours; the Progressive Yard Sale plans are coming along nicely, more volunteers are needed for June 11, the day of the sale.

### Old Business

Food Pantry—some clients are coming in on Mondays by appointment to self-serve; we are in good shape and things are running smoothly.

Senior Center Architectural/Engineering Study—nothing new to report at this time.

FY23 Budget—was approved at the ATM; we did get the additional 15 hours for Outreach and 3 additional hours for the van drivers.

MCOA Conference—those who attended split up to sit in on different sessions; Peg attended one on purposeful retirement and promoting volunteerism and another on issues grandparents deal with when adult families are living with them; Amy attended one on civic engagement about sending volunteers out into the community, however, she'd rather concentrate on

volunteerism for the Senior Center right now; Diane attended a dementia friendly session about making the building and transportation easier for people with dementia to get around and informing caregivers if dementia is suspected.

Vision Statement—Earl said he went back through the archives of our previous discussions which said the statement should be short and inspirational with aspirations of what our seniors will be able to do; Ann reminded everyone that at the April meeting we had decided to table it for now and redefine our vision for the future in conjunction with the Senior Center expansion.

Storage Space—Mark Rousseau worked very hard to get the garage cleaned out and ready for the Progressive Yard Sale; Amy has rented a pod for storage until mid July.

Senior of the Year—we have received a couple of nominations and Amy has been told that a couple more will be submitted by the June 1 deadline; we will vote at the July meeting.

Senior Cane—Amy said that our eldest resident has agreed to accept the cane but doesn't want any notoriety or fanfare.

#### New Business

Tri-Valley Training—Betsy Edsall and Donna Son have completed the training along with 4 others; Tri-Valley would like to see us switch back to meals in stainless pans rather than prepackaged meals; Amy would like to start this in June.

Optimal Program Attendance—for now, due to Covid uptick, we recommended capping at 35.

Summer Events—Senior Cookout, Thurs July 14, we talked about having tents outside for some folks with a limited number indoors. Senior Tea, Sunday July 31, we usually get a response of around 20 including family members. Ice Cream Social, August 24, very popular event, no entertainment lined up yet.

#### Open Forum

Amy said she will order more Senior Center pens as there is a 20% off sale and we are running low.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 am. Next meeting June 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

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