

COA Meeting Notes

November 10, 2021

Earl called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Carol Kotros, Diane Howell, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Friends' member Sue Carlson also attended.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy said her Director's report will be interspersed throughout.

Sue Carlson gave the Friends' report. There was good attendance at their Nov 8th meeting. One person offered to try the Vice President position. Board members are being encouraged to take on more responsibility. Upcoming events include: Nov 17 dine-out at the Roast House in Blackstone; Dec 7 Dairy Queen fund raiser from 5-8pm in which Friends receive 20% of the proceeds earned in that time period; Dec 8 dinner trip to LaSalette Shrine and Festival of Lights; Dec 13 will combine a Yankee Swap with their monthly meeting.

Old Business

Food Pantry Update—successful Scout Food Drive on Sat Nov 6; Nat'l honor Society student to conduct food pantry drive for money donations since it so closely follows the scout drive; Charles River Bank plans to conduct a food drive during the holiday season; Ann and Amy will make a list of most needed items.

Program Updates—Mendon Minstrels temporarily on hold pending receipt of special face masks on back order. Recreational programs: bridge players are back and chair exercise is underway. The Oct 28 Tri-Valley lunch was combined with a Halloween party coordinated by Peg. Cultural Council entertainer Roger Tinknell provided the entertainment. Peg also assisted with an Eagle Scout Halloween food pantry fund raiser on Sun Oct 28 which brought in \$184 plus canned goods.

Architectural/Engineering Study—presentation to Select Board has been rescheduled to Wed Dec 1 at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Bldg/Van Repairs/Maintenance—copier contract was paid; repairs to van, stair lift and garage door; we need water filters very badly due to a lot of residue and are trying to get them at a good cost; White Water is currently researching this for us.

Staff Updates—the town has a new HR person who has had to repost the Admin Assistant position; there are very few applicants so far; Amy will request interviews to begin shortly.

Veterans' Appreciation Program—Sue Carlson has taken calls from 39 veterans so far; we have received eight unlimited gift cards from Bella's in RI; \$250 from the police association and \$100 from the Friends. We would like to make sure that everyone gets at least a \$15 gift card so Peg made a motion that we approve up to \$150 from the COA gift account; Carol seconded; all approved. A drawing will take place on Monday Nov 15.

Holiday Meals—Brothers of the Brush are again providing Thanksgiving meals for senior housing and a few families identified by Janet and Amy; we chose Wed Dec 15 for Ferrucci's Christmas grab n'go dinner; Amy will call Dick today to discuss details.

New Business

Amy wanted to make us aware that for safety reasons she does not have any senior workers here without a staff member present.

Open Forum

No one had anything else to add. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Earl reopened the meeting for the annual meeting and election of officers.

Amy has asked current officers if they are willing to serve again. The current slate answered in the affirmative. Current/New Slate: Earl Pearlman & Peg Nogueira Co-Chairs; Ann Vandersluis Secretary and Caral Kotros Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned 11:30am. Next meeting December 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted.

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary