

COA Meeting Notes

October 12, 2022

Peg called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Members present: Peg Nogueira, Diana Howell, Dona Sun, Phil Cieply, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Earl Pearlman and Carol Kotros were absent. Also attending: Betsy Edsall, Friends' Vice President.

Peg began the meeting by welcoming Phil Cieply, our newest board member. The meeting was being videotaped so we introduced ourselves with our titles.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a brief Director's report with the rest to be interspersed throughout. Outreach has been very busy taking fuel assistance applications and performing other services; on 9/29 the van wouldn't start so we used the electric car to transport clients to appointments; the Minstrels are back rehearsing on Mondays for the Veterans' Breakfast; the Memory class is completed; Tri-Valley's Matter of Balance is underway; evening yoga has started up; building use is moderate: Girl and Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Historical Society and Thimble Pleasures.

Betsy Edsall gave the Friends' report: following the Sept 12 meeting, they delivered 20 bags of school supplies to Clough School; they held a booth at the Lions Country Fair on Oct 9 with lovely raffle baskets, knit and crochet items and a delicious bake table; proceeds to date \$1459; the Oct 17 meeting hosted by Peg Nogueira will have a Halloween theme with raffle basket winners being drawn; they will sponsor

Orchestra of One with pizza and salad lunch on Dec 22, 2022; they are encouraging members to consider running for office for next calendar year.

Old Business

Food Pantry—Scout Food Drive will take place at Clough School from 8am to 12pm on Nov 5, 2022; with the Crier no longer in print and the high cost to mail flyers with food pantry needs, we will advertize on Facebook, the newsletter, ABMI cable, local schools and churches; starting in January the first Friday of the month from 9am to 12pm will be available for clients to come and shop if they so choose.

Senior Center Addition—Chief Kurzy has volunteered to be on a building committee to be appointed by the Select Board; the location of the well will need to be determined by an engineer.

Behavior Policy—table until next month considering including van and food pantry.

Driver Safety—at parking lot entrance/exit—table until next month.

Senior Citizens Day follow-up—Sept 18 was a perfect day; good attendance; Oliva's chicken dinner was delicious; heartfelt appreciation received from Kevin Rudden, this year's recipient.

Upcoming Programs

Veterans Appreciation—Nov 11—menu will consist of eggs, sausage, waffles, apple bread, orange juice and coffee; Diane suggested hash browns; purchase gift cards for a raffle; \$250 from police supplemented by the Friends.

Holiday Programs and Meals:

Dec 1 tree decorating possibly accompanied by hymn singing from the pastor at Sue Carlson's church.

Dec 8 Minstrels concert with potluck luncheon served by COA board/staff.

Dec 14 Ferrucci sponsored Holiday Dinner with Friendly's Holiday Log for dessert provided by COA.

Dec 22 Orchestra of One sponsored by the Friends and Tri-Valley Holiday Meal.

New Business

Nov 16—SHINE information meeting with Chet.

Parking Lot Lighting—Amy received a suggestion to improve lighting by moving a street light or cutting down or trimming branches on the tree to the right of the gazebo; Peg said the tree will be bare in a few weeks and it stays light in the summer much later; the board decided to do nothing at this time.

BOH Request for Clothing Bin at Senior Center—we will seriously consider it after we have our new building; don't really have room for it now.

Open Forum

Phil asked about demographics and who we are reaching. Amy said 1600 seniors comprise 25% of the population and we serve 500 people annually; Peg suggested putting a discussion on the agenda for January.

Dona Sun gave a brief summary of the 9/21 Tri-Valley board meeting that she serves on.

Next Wednesday Amy will be attending a conference on Cape Cod.

Meeting adjourned 11:50am.

Next meeting November 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary