

COA Meeting Notes

September 11, 2019

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of the September 11, 2001 victims. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Carol Kotros, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Mary Ann Hopkins arrived at 10:30 due to a medical appointment. Others present: Friends' President, Pat Vandenberg, Diane Howell and Jennifer Talamini. Diane and Jennifer are interested in becoming members of the COA board.

The Secretary's report was approved unanimously with one correction to the dollar amount in item three under old business. The Treasurer's reports for July and August were unanimously approved.

Amy gave a lengthy verbal Director's report: (1) Building Issues: a) Jim Tobin has offered to clean the carpet this Friday free of charge; he also reduced the price to sand and refinish the floor to \$1250; Friends and COA gift account to split the cost; approved at July's meeting b) cold water was brown last week following Labor Day weekend; Whitewater rep let water run to clear it up and also tested the water; meanwhile, we are using Poland Springs water for coffee c) furnace was cleaned recently by Ray Gaulin from Oxford; town has now contracted with him for all town buildings d) garage door is dented and slightly off track; might have been plow damage; we decided as long as door still works, to let it go for now. (2) Upcoming Programs: a) Senior of the Year Sunday Sept 15 at 11:30 am; Friends will donate \$350 to Lion's Club to defray the cost; b) Matter of Balance starts Wed Sept 25; c) BVT Aging Well Program Wed Nov 13; d) Laura is working on dates with John Trainor and Dick Grady for Hilltop Village Tours. (3) Other Issues: a) Miscoe School asked if we would have a collection box at the senior center for gently worn shoes; everyone said okay; b) Architect has gone back to the drawing board; no meeting date set for now; c) Stretch and Flexibility Program has ended due to instructor moving away; d) Thursday Pitch League has shrunk to five alternating teams so it's difficult for them to pay the \$15 donation for use of the building; we agreed to reduce the donation to \$12 which averages out to \$1 per person payable in two installments for the Sept to April season; e) Amy asked if she could order 260 senior center pens to give out at special functions; Carol made a motion to take up to \$150 from the gift account; Peg seconded; all approved; f) Amy will be at the COA conference in Danvers on Oct 2 and 3; g) flu clinic at senior center Oct 4 from 10-11:30 am.

Friends' Report: Pat Vandenberg reminded everyone the Oktoberfest is Oct 25 & 26; the raffle baskets will be at the Fire Station open house on October 9; Friends have a booth at Lion's Club Country Fair on Oct 12 with raffle baskets along with used items for sale.

Old Business

Food Pantry—there were 24 clients on Monday, September 9; there is still some grumbling about the ID card; Peg suggested a note on the entry door stating if you do not have your ID card to see Janet

Hubener upstairs. New England Food Bank contacted Amy; Wally Matthews will drive into Boston to pick up the food; Scout Food Drive is on Saturday Nov 9; fliers will be in The Crier.

Summer Programs—Senior Cookout and Senior Tea very much enjoyed by all.

Senior of Year—Sunday Sept 15 as previously stated

Architect/Engineering—previously discussed under director's report

Veteran's Breakfast—Nov 8, 2019 at 8:30 am; Amy has 5 volunteers from EMC in addition to the police who are sponsoring and serving; the Mendon Minstrels will once again provide patriotic music.

Board Vacancies—Diane Howell and Jennifer Talamini are both very interested in being on the board. Peg made a motion to accept Diane and Jennifer pending approval by the BOS; Carol seconded; all approved; they will attend the Sept 30 BOS meeting with Amy and Peg.

New Business

Health and Wellness—we already discussed

Scout Food Drive—Saturday Nov 9; previously discussed

Holiday Dinner—December 4, 2019—Amy has met with Dick Ferrucci; everyone thought a chicken entrée was best; a vegetarian dish was suggested too in order to accommodate everyone.

Open Forum

Diane Howell is concerned about seniors crossing Providence Road during larger functions due to the heavy and speeding traffic; Amy will discuss options with Chief Kurzey.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Next meeting changed from Oct 9 to Oct 16 due to Yom Kippur.

12:00 pm we reconvened for Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Earl and Peg are both willing to serve as Co-Chairs for this year. Mary Ann made a motion that at times the board may want to have co-chairs in place of Chair and Vice Chair; Ann seconded; all approved. Ann and Carol were asked if they would be willing to serve as Secretary and Treasurer again; both said yes if no one else was interested. Therefore, Mary Ann made a motion to accept the current slate of nominees. All approved. Annual meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary