

COA Meeting Notes

June 10, 2015

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:35 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins; new member, Peg Nogueira, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson Kent. Friends members present: Nancy Jenkins, Dick Skinner and van driver, Bob Gebelein. Bob Carlson arrived at 11:05 am.

The Treasurer and Director's reports were unanimously approved. Earl made a motion to approve the Secretary's report with one spelling correction to the paragraph on snow removal. Mary Ann seconded. All approved. During discussion of the Director's report regarding the hurricane preparedness seminar that Amy attended, Earl asked what is our obligation to refer people affected by disaster to sources of help. Amy said this would be under Mark Bucchino's jurisdiction; however, Kevin suggested we could hold a disaster preparedness seminar here, either conducted by Mark or we could do this ourselves and provide written material.

Amy presented a brief Friends' report. The info meeting on the Grand Canyon trip was rescheduled to Tuesday, June 16, 2015. The Dairy Queen fundraiser is also on June 16 in which 10% of all proceeds between 5-8 pm go to the Friends. The Progressive Yard Sale was a huge success with approximately \$3460 in proceeds.

Old Business

Food Pantry Update—Carol said there has been an increase in boxed deliveries. Carol and Mary Ann did shopping to stock up for June, but the food distribution depleted much of the stock. Amy showed a thank you note from a Quinsig College student who came here to do a study on food pantries.

Staffing/Budget Update—depending upon the outcome of the June 30 school override vote, Kevin would like to be proactive and put together a list with specific figures of all the senior services that would be eliminated if the COA is defunded. Ann suggested we send this information to the Town Administrator and BOS just as we did five years ago during the last budget crunch.

Senior Tax Abatement Program—Kevin and Amy sent a memo to the Town Admin stating we would run the program on a one year trial basis with the understanding that we would utilize an abatement worker to offset the hours Amy would require to manage the program. Paperwork and requests have already been referred to the senior center from the town hall.

New Business

Kevin formally welcomed Peg Nogueira, our new COA member. Amy plans to once again host a COA training session here on September 30, 2015 from 9:30 -12:00 noon.

COA July 16 Cookout—Kevin and Amy will shop. Earl, Bob and Kevin will cook. Mary Ann, Peg, Carol and Ann will work in the kitchen.

Van Update—repairs from winter damages have been completed.

Capital Planning List Update—in addition to parking lot resurfacing, architectural study (\$16,000), new furnace under Green Grant, new van with lift in 3-7 years (\$60,000) and mini van with raised roof (\$30,000), new windows for the center were suggested.

Open Forum

The Eagle Scout will meet with Bob Gebelein and Dick Skinner to discuss refurbishing the bocce court, a new shed for medical equipment storage or new shingles for the gazebo roof to see which of these projects he might be interested in.

On Wednesday, August 26, there will be an ice cream social with a luau theme and Jimmy Buffett entertainer.

Senior of the Year—we received three nominations for two different seniors. We voted by secret ballot. After Amy contacts the nominee to see if they will accept, she will let us know who we chose.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary