

COA Meeting Notes

April 10, 2019

Earl called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Members present: Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Absent: Kevin Rudden, Brenda Rienzo.

The Secretary and Director's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: she finished the six week course on supervisory and leadership training and reported it was an excellent course; the annual building inspection was done and we had to install two carbon monoxide detectors, one in the kitchen and one in the basement, also the emergency light above the piano doesn't work so Amy contacted Community Police & Fire Org to come asap prior to the annual May inspection; the van is using oil, no leaks, the highway dept maintenance man will check it out; our pedestrian crossing sign has disappeared and will be replaced by the highway department; Amy also said she has been very busy coordinating volunteers from school, scouts and town.

Friends' report: Cheryl Kearsley was here answering phones so she filled us in on a few things: the Book Fair was a tremendous success; they are now working on the June 8 Progressive Yard Sale; there are some possible trips being planned with Hopedale.

Old Business

Food Pantry—Carol reported that some clients came this month without their cards and some of those clients didn't understand why they need to bring it. Peg suggested a sign on the entry door stating they need to have their card. Earl suggested a reminder in the Senior Sentinel newsletter.

Architect/Engineering Study—Kevin asked Amy to distribute a questionnaire to us where we would indicate our thoughts regarding size, placement, etc. of the various new areas. We need to turn it in by April 16.

FY20 Budget—no increases anywhere/level funding all around.

Mission/Vision Statement—tabled until all present.

Volunteer Appreciation—May 1—menu from Oliva's: rice pilaf, chicken teriaki stirfry, fruit platter; we discussed having an appetizer of cottage cheese with pineapple and crackers along with sherbet for dessert; for beverage Arnold Palmers (lemonade & ice tea) with fresh mint and embellished with an umbrella. Peg made a motion to take up to \$300 from the gift account

to supplement the volunteer appreciation budget which went over because of the volunteer appreciation pins. Carol seconded. All approved.

MCOA—April 24, 2019—9am-4pm—Sturbridge MA—van leaves at 8am.

New business

CPR Training—tentative date May 15, 9am fire station.

Cardboard Boat Race—July at Town Beach; Mendon seniors have been challenged by Douglas Sunshine Club; Kevin Rudden found plans online for building a cardboard boat; he needs volunteers to paint, etc.

Senior of the Year—nominations are due by June 1, 2019.

Open Forum

No one had anything.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 am.

Next meeting: May 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary