

COA Meeting Notes

July 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. Kevin Rudden and Brenda Rienzo's terms expired on June 30 and each of them has decided not to serve another term. Friends' members present: Diana Carter, Sue Carlson and Diane Howell.

The Secretary and Director's reports were unanimously approved. Amy stated that she has been quite busy with yearend finances and architectural matters; also, she has been using senior tax abatement workers to cover the phones when Laura is upstairs working on the newsletter.

Old Business

Food Pantry—operating smoothly; have been drawing down supplies and cleaning up; need to supplement supplies now; contributions fall off in summer months.

FY 2019 Update—closed out year by giving \$1662.47 back to the town due to electricity costs being only \$410.96.

Architectural/Engineering Study—Amy worked with the architect to spend down the \$50,000 state grant for necessary expenses, such as, soil boring and partial parking lot paving. The \$20,000 town allotment was used for surveying and architectural costs; \$17907.41 remains in this account.

Senior Center Tours—Earl suggested that those who attended the Erving and Holyoke tours to email Amy with their comments and observations so she can put together a composite list.

COA Cookout—July 18--Mark Rousseau got grills ready and tanks filled; Peg will pick up the burgers; the morning prep team will arrive at 10am to make salad, cut watermelon and mix lemonade; set-up will take place on Tuesday with final touches on Thursday morning.

Senior Van & Driver Updates—Russ Dudley is switching to back-up driver due to upcoming surgery; Mark Rousseau will take over Wednesday driving; van repairs are all done.

Board Appointments—there are a couple of interested parties; one will attend today's meeting and the other has a dr appointment today but is invited to September meeting.

New Business

Sub-committee to Review Mission/Vision Statements—Peg and Earl volunteered to be on a sub-committee with Amy.

Floor Refinishing—consensus of all present is it should be done; Friends' members present thought they could split the cost with the COA; Sue Carlson will speak with Friends' President, Pat Vanderberg; Amy received a quote from Jim Tobin for \$1500; Peg made a motion to take \$750 from the gift account for the COA portion; Carol seconded; all approved.

Senior Tea—July 28--Amy will contact Crier for coverage and pictures; set-up Friday, July 26; Diana will shop for some new tablecloths.

Senior of the Year—Sept 15—lots of positive feedback regarding our choice, Fred Kelley; we agreed to pay for cake as usual out of the gift account.

Food Pantry Flyer in Crier—we discussed whether we want to do this again this year in the Oct issue; Amy asked pantry volunteers what they thought; consensus was that it was beneficial to getting donations, especially much needed items; Ann made a motion to take up to \$400 from the food pantry account to cover the cost of printing and the cost of inserting in the Crier with the request of no glass containers please; Peg seconded; all approved.

Veteran's Breakfast—November 8—Earl made a suggestion that instead of pancakes, we serve waffles with raspberries, blueberries and whipped topping along with a little flag; good idea, very patriotic.

Open Forum

Amy reminded us that September meeting is our election of officers; Earl had the idea of having co-chairs in lieu of Chair and Vice Chair; we will think about this before the Sept meeting.

Eldon Swanson, who attended the senior center tour to Erving and Holyoke, showed up and gave us a rundown of his ideas and observations; Amy will include these in the composite list.

Next meeting: September 11, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary