

COA Meeting Notes

June 8, 2016

Kevin called meeting to order 10:35 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson Kent. Friends' President, Sue Carlson, was also in attendance.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy's Director's report is still on hold due to the phone and internet being out of service numerous times.

Sue gave the Friends' report. The Dairy Queen fundraiser earned \$400. They received \$660 commission from Collette Travel. A \$500 scholarship was granted to Jake Barefoot, a volunteer at the center who picks up Whole Foods donations on Sunday and is a computer tutor for seniors. The Oktoberfest is scheduled for Oct 21 & 22, 2016. The lightweight folding tables have been purchased.

Old Business

Food Pantry—monthly distribution on June 6 went smoothly. The congestion problem with walkers, wheelchairs and strollers was solved by having only three clients picking out food at a time.

Budget Update—due to the mild winter the van and fuel line items were not depleted. We discussed purchasing a laptop for Amy and a tablet for Janet Hubener for when they need to do work outside the senior center. The board members felt this was a good use of the money and had no objections. There will still be some money to turn back to the town as free cash.

Senior Tax Abatement—BOS has raised the limit per participant from \$750 to \$1000. Amy reported some new positions are opening up to utilize abatement workers.

Summer Programs—Amy said Shaw Meats of Woonsocket quoted a good price for burgers, potato salad and American cheese for the July 21 cookout. Sue Carlson will make homemade baked beans. We will have watermelon and ice cream sandwiches for dessert. Peg made a motion to use up to \$350 from the gift account to cover the food expenses. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

Senior Tea—Outpost of Holliston offers a senior discount and this year's offering will be peach pies for the July 31 occasion.

New Business

Food Pantry Policy—Carol will review and let us know at July's meeting if there is anything she thinks should be amended.

Window Replacement—the COA board is grateful to John Vandersluis for suggesting we put window replacement on the fall STM warrant. We will obtain a third estimate and suggest the best one to the town for replacement of the 26 year old windows which are grossly energy inefficient and the double window in front has fallen in more than once.

Open Forum

Kevin asked Amy if we have secured a back-up van driver for Wally Matthews when Bob Gebelein takes sick leave this fall. She said Russ Dudley, who has driven the van in the past, indicated he can help us out.

Amy reported that Liam Egan, a student at Anna Maria college, will intern with her for the newsletter which is returning in July.

Senior of the Year—we received 11 nominations representing 7 individuals. We reviewed and discussed, then voted our first and second choices by written ballot. Since all the individuals were well qualified, we decided upon two persons. Amy will contact them to make sure they accept.

Meeting adjourned 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary