

COA Meeting Notes

May 25, 2016

Kevin called meeting to order at 10:30 am. He called for a moment of silence for friend and COA board member Bob Carlson who passed away on May 15, 2016. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson Kent. Carol Kotros was absent. Friends members present: Diana Carter and Bob Gebelein.

The Secretary's report was approved unanimously with one very minor correction. The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Due to family illness, Amy did not have written Director's report. She will have both April and May next meeting.

The Friends have two events coming up: Progressive Yard Sale on June 11 and Martha's Vineyard Trip on June 16.

Old Business

Food Pantry—in Carol's absence, Kevin reported May distribution took place as scheduled on first Monday.

Budget Update—Amy's five additional hours were approved at ATM.

Senior Tax Abatement--\$10,000 has been allotted for FY17 under a separate line item.

Volunteer Appreciation—was enjoyed by all. The food was good but could have been a little more abundant.

Senior of Year—Amy has received one application so far. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

Summer Programs—Senior Cookout is July 21, Senior Tea is July 31. COA meeting will take place July 13 as originally scheduled.

New Business

Food Pantry Policy Review—Carol had requested review but she was not present. Evidently, there is a problem with wheelchairs and people using walkers maneuvering in limited space. It was thought that possibly we could have a separate time for these folks. Discussion to be continued.

Open Forum

We decided to move the meeting start time to 10 am for future meetings.

We will all be thinking of people for Bob's replacement so we can come up with a suggestion to give BOS. Amy has two names on back burner, neither are available right now.

Outreach worker, Janet Hubener, is our liason to the Taxation Aid Committee. She will also be the new Senior Penpal coordinator this fall.

Amy reported that we went in on a mental health grant with five area towns and it was approved. Need to hire psychiatric nurse or masters degree social worker to guide area outreach workers in recognizing mental health issues during home visits.

Amy received quote from Cataldo Paving to resurface upper parking lot which is three times more than verbal quote three years ago. Since this has been on Capital Planning list for several years, Kevin asked Amy to contact Kim Newman as the CPC is presently defunct.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary