

COA Meeting Notes

October 10, 2018

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

The Secretary's report was unanimously approved with one minor change to the date under Wellness Fair next committee meeting from Nov 25 to Oct 10. The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: we received a \$750 mini grant from Central Mass Agency on Aging for exercise equipment which requires monitoring of participants' progress which will be under the tutelage of a yoga instructor; "Island Vacation" has been booked under the Cultural Council for Volunteer Appreciation on Wednesday, May 1, 2019; Amy and Laura have been very busy with event planning; a committee has been formed to plan craft programs, approximately one per month.

The Friends had a successful venture at their booth at the Lion's Club Country Fair. The Tennessee trip was tremendous and enjoyed by all. They are looking at Myrtle Beach for next year.

Old Business

Food Pantry—the Nov 3 Food Drive flyer will be in the next Crier issue. Volunteers should arrive at 9:30 on that day. Since the monthly food distribution is on the following Monday, shelves will need to be stocked and boxes moved out of the way. Two Lion's Club members have offered to provide hot Thanksgiving meals to single seniors who will be alone on the holiday. Amy will have Janet distribute flyers at senior housing.

Senior of Year Event—attendance was filled to capacity and enjoyed by all. Kevin offered use of his sound system for next year so the speakers can be heard.

MCOA Conference—Oct 24-26—Amy, Laura, Janet, Kevin and Earl will be attending full or partial days.

Wellness Fair—Nov 2—pens were ordered, a letter was sent to attendees to bring some sort of attendance prize for their booth, flyers will be sent to area senior centers and The Crier has been notified.

Senior Center Tours—last tour was to Northboro Senior Center, next tour to Milford Senior Center (date TBD). Next committee meeting October 22, 2018.

Veterans' Breakfast—Nov 9—cooks and volunteers all set up.

Furnace Replacement—new furnace has been installed, Ray Gaulin had to increase heating zone valves to four, which was an additional \$293 for parts. Amy and Kevin very satisfied with his work.

Holiday Dinner—Dec 5—Dick and Betty Ferucci will again sponsor and take care of the catering.

Policy Review—all board members should have updated senior center policy and procedures. Kevin will review and update if necessary. Target date: January 2019.

New Business

Dehumidifier—Friends' have voted to fund up to \$250 for a dehumidifier for the basement. Kevin said one that pumps water into the drain not recommended for septic systems. Amy said she can get a 70 pint one that needs to be emptied when full at Home Depot for \$249.

Blinds—Friends have offered to pay for the new blinds. Kevin said it was recommended by the retailer that we wait until December when the new safer type without cords are available.

Amy's Review—Kevin said we will not set up a special meeting for Amy's review until the Town Hall decides whether or not they are going to continue the review process

Open Forum

Carol asked about changing COA meeting time to 9am. Amy and the rest of the board would prefer to keep it at 10am.

Ann informed that Dick Skinner's tree has been planted down beyond and to the left of the bocce court.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary