

COA Meeting Notes

October 11, 2017

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy delivered a verbal Director's report. Fuel assistance for new applicants begins November 1. Two new volunteers want to restart a walking group. Amy is working with them on various soft surface locations where they could walk. In September she met with other senior center directors regarding the outreach mental health program. The focus this time is on seniors who are isolated. Amy reported the Admin Assistant, Laura, is working out very well so far.

Amy reported the Friends had a very successful booth at the Country Fair. The Fire Dept offered a special invitation to seniors to attend their open house and invited them to bring the Oktoberfest raffle baskets. There are still openings for the December 5 trip to Newport Playhouse.

Old Business

Food Pantry—going along very well, busy. Carol has volunteers for the Scout Drive November 4. We all agreed in lieu of turkeys to give clients \$25 gift certificates for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Senior Tax Abatement-continues to go well, one new worker has signed on. Still need to find alternative jobs as there are enough office workers.

MCOA Conference-October 18-20, 2017—Kevin, Peg, Janet, Laura and Amy will be attending various sessions.

Health Fair/Open House—November 3, 2-8pm—Carol made a motion to take up to \$350 from COA gift account for tote bags for the attendees. Earl seconded. All approved. We discussed having a special raffle with a \$65 gift certificate for an 8 week evening yoga program in addition to the individual booth raffles. How to pay for this will be decided in the future.

Veterans' Appreciation—November 8, 2017—breakfast 8:30-9:30—Mendon Minstrels 9:30.

New Windows Update—permit has been obtained, windows are being made and will be ready sometime in November. We will request Friday installation.

Building Expansion—Kevin is compiling a checklist of things that have to be known before going to town meeting.

Holiday Dinner—December 6, 2017—Amy will be in touch with sponsor Dick Ferucci. COA will handle salad, beverages and dessert.

New Business—Amy's review—Kevin said he will be emailing us a review form for our comments.

Open Forum

Amy reported she received plans for the Eagle Scout medical equipment shed project. The scout plans to complete the project during three weekends in November.

Meeting adjourned 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary