

COA Meeting Notes

September 12, 2018

Kevin called the meeting to order promptly at 10:00 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Brenda Rienzo, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Also present: Friends' member, Dick Skinner.

Kevin asked if we would object to allowing Dick to speak first so he would not have to stay through the entire agenda. Dick offered to donate a Blue Wonder Spruce sapling which grows to a 6' maximum and is very full. Since it will need to be planted very soon, he will keep custody of it until the Beautification Committee can decide if we want to accept it and if so, where to plant it.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously accepted. Amy gave a verbal Director's report: it was a busy summer with popular programs; van ridership has increased considerably with 136 rides in August; Wally Matthews had to resign as a part time driver, the board felt Amy should advertise to replace Wally so we still have 3 drivers to cover emergencies, vacation, etc.; administrative assistant, Laura Newton, just completed her first year with us. She has worked out very well and Amy would like to try to acquire more hours for her.

Friends' Update: mainly the Lion's Club Country Fair on Oct 6 and Oktoberfest on Oct 19 & 20. Also, two upcoming trips this fall: Tennessee and The Legends.

Old Business

Food Pantry—Carol needs help for Scout Food Drive on Nov 3rd; we agreed to put fliers in The Crier advertising the drive and which items are most needed; St Gabriel's Thanksgiving donation needs to be picked up by Nov 19; we agreed to continue \$25 gift cards for pantry recipients for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Senior Cookout/Senior Tea—both extremely successful and enjoyed by all.

Senior of Year Event—Sept 16, 2018, honoring Joyce Gilmore and Jane Lowell is filled to capacity.

Wellness Fair—Nov 2, 2018, 2nd save date reminders were sent. Next committee meeting on Oct. 10.

Senior Center Tours—next committee meeting Sept 20 at 3pm to finalize the RFP for the architect. Earl made a motion for the COA to take charge of the \$50,000 funded from the Elder Affairs State Budget and to notify the BOS. Peg seconded. All approved. Next tour, Northboro Senior Center, Sept 28, 2018. Amy will confirm.

Eagle Scout Project Update—Kevin is in contact with another Eagle Scout family to see if they would be interested in a project to erect a canopy over the bocce court. Peg suggested contacting BVT. Kevin will look into it. Kevin has tarps which can be used to cover the court during winter.

Veterans Breakfast—Friday, Nov 9. Police will sponsor again up to \$250. Volunteers all set.

New Business

Scout Food Drive—see food pantry notes.

Van Driver Update—see Director's notes.

Furnace Update—Ray Gaulin, who is willing to work around our programs, will install new furnace on Sept 28.

Holiday Dinner—Wed Dec 5, 2018. Dick and Betty Ferucci will sponsor again. Oliva's will provide the food. We will handle dessert and beverages.

Open Forum

Those interested in attending MCOA conference in Falmouth MA on Oct 24, 25 & 26 need to review seminar list and decide asap. Kevin mentioned there is an advance planning seminar on architectural studies given by a prominent architect on Friday, Oct 26.

Good news: Mark Bucchino is back as Emergency Management Chairman. Amy wrote a grant for some new exercise equipment. We are in need of a new Whole Foods volunteer to pick up on Sundays. Our state grant is due Sept 28 and any increase we get (from \$11 to \$12 per senior) will go toward postage for the newsletter. Amy said Janet Huberer needs a few more penpals. Lastly, Charles River Bank asked if they could post fliers at the Senior Center. It was the consensus of the board that if we do it for one bank, we would have to do it for every bank. We decided it's best not to set a precedent.

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

Amy called for nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations. Previous officers were all willing to continue serving. Peg made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

Chairman—Kevin Rudden

Vice Chair—Earl Pearlman

Secretary—Ann Vandersluis

Treasurer—Carol Kotros

Board Members—Mary Ann Hopkins, Peg Nogueira, Brenda Rienzo

Meeting adjourned 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary