

COA Meeting Notes

September 14, 2016

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:00. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Peg Nogueira, Mary Ann Hopkins, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson Kent. Friends' members present: Sue Carlson and Dick Skinner.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Amy gave a verbal Director's report. She is making the return of the newsletter a top priority but needs help. Kevin will call BVT, Dean College and Tri-County Vocational for possible volunteers to help Amy with the set-up. Amy reported van drivers are all set during Bob's sick leave and a tax abatement worker will handle custodial duties.

Sue Carlson gave the Friends' report. On Sept 21 they will dine-out at Iggy's, Oakland Beach, Warwick RI and on Sept 28 dine-out at BVT. On Sept 15 there is a Dairy Queen fundraiser from 5-8 pm where Friends receive a percentage of the proceeds. Letters went out for voluntary raffle basket donations for the Oktoberfest to groups that use the center on a regular basis. They have \$550 from a grant in their fuel assistance emergency account. They approved \$465 for three COA members to attend a partial MCOA Conference @ \$155 per person.

Old Business

Senior Cook-out—Kevin said the new grill worked very well. Everyone agreed the food was delicious. The cost increased but we acknowledged food prices have gone up.

Senior Tea—Amy said was best attended—30 participants over age 85 with guests—total 44—Earl's piano music was well received—enough volunteers—all went well.

Food Pantry—Carol reported Boy Scout food drive is Nov 12. She needs volunteers to help on that day. She will again be giving out \$25 Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards in lieu of turkeys. Next food distribution is Oct 3. November will be moved up one week to Nov 14, following the food drive which brings in many holiday fixings.

Tax Abatement—is going very well—all depts are using—letters are going out to participants reporting hours worked last fiscal year.

Senior of Year Event—all set for Sunday, Sept 18, 2016.

MCOA Conference—Oct 26-Oct 28, 2016. Amy, Janet Hubener and three COA members will attend all or partial.

New Business

Veteran's Appreciation—we decided on Friday, Nov 4 for the breakfast. Police will again sponsor for \$250. Amy will ask the Mendon Minstrels to once again sing.

Holiday Dinner—will be on Dec 7—Amy will get catering quotes from Oliva's, Karen Wheet, Little White Market and Nellie's on Central St in Milford.

At this point Kevin decided to move the agenda forward to item #5 Annual Meeting/Election of Officers since Carol had to leave at 11:30. He asked for nominations for Chairman, and Kevin was nominated, seconded and unanimously approved by the five remaining COA members. Next, Earl was nominated for Vice Chair, seconded and unanimously approved by the five remaining COA members. Next, Ann was nominated for Secretary, seconded and approved by the five remaining COA members. Finally, Carol was nominated for Treasurer, seconded and approved by the five remaining COA members.

Expanded Programming—Peg suggested we try to increase program attendance at the center. Kevin suggested speaking with folks at the MCOA conference to get ideas.

Beverly's Retirement—a cake and flowers was given to her at the Friends' meeting from the COA and Friends. Her last week is week of Sept 26th.

Open Forum

Dick Skinner suggested participating with other senior centers on special events. COA board thought this is a great idea.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary

