

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 3, 2008

PRESENT: B. Connors, A. Baranick, E. Bouldry, J. Gavrilles, B. Hagen, J. Hemstreet, J. Walsh, P. Mc Chesney, B. Murphy

STAFF: J. Claypoole

GUEST: B. Kelleher, L. Crane, M.J. Law, C. Haddleton

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Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM. Minutes of May 6, 2008 were accepted with minor corrections. Motion to accept by B. Hagen and seconded by P. McChesney. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. B. Hagan made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by P. McChesney. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

B. Connors was given a draft of the Friends of the COA proposal which has to be proofread. Our part should be done this month, and forwarded to the State and then to the Federal Gov. (IRS). The process could take up to six months.

New Business

Bob Kelleher discussed his role in starting a new computer class on Thursdays in June. His program will compliment the existing program and will look at the possibility of afternoon classes. It was requested that training in Power Point presentations be included. Bob will investigate feasibility (equipment availability) and report back.

B. Connors inquired if forms such as those available to patients in hospitals for power of attorney, wills, etc. could be available in the COA office. Discussion of the need and which forms to provide followed. Subject to be discussed at next meeting.

Building committee Report

J. Hemstreet advised that meetings were ongoing with the various committees. Met with the Library Trustees who outlined their needs and expansion plans. Possibility of including Park and Recreation, COA and Library needs at one site. More information to follow at subsequent meetings. Other potential uses for the Caryl site are also being investigated.

Travel Committee

Many thanks to Jane and Janet for the successful Blithewold Trip held in conjunction with the Sherborn COA. A trip to Tanglewood on Sunday, July 13, 2008 has been planned with the Sherborn COA. At this time, 38 people have signed up.

Director's Report:

J. Claypoole distributed the log sheets for this years activities. Bridge and Arts/Crafts numbers will be added to this table.

A grant application for Gentle Yoga for seniors was submitted to Bay Path elder Services. Copies were distributed to Board Members. Janet has been working with other COA Directors in the Bay Path community to facilitate this process, and has smoothed out the process. Janet will continue to work with Sherborn and Holliston to improve the operations of the COAs.

No Spirituality meeting in June. Sessions will continue in the fall.

An increase in the amount of money per elder paid to towns has been passed in the House of Representatives, and is slated for Senate review. As this bill is in process, Janet has to prepare three different budgets to cover each alternative.

B. Hagan passed out information on Mass. Energy Consumer's Alliance that makes energy affordable and environmentally sustainable.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by B. Hagan and seconded by P. McChesney and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Walsh  
Acting Secretary