

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2008

PRESENT: B. Connors, A. Baranick, E. Bouldry, J. Gavrilles, B. Hagen, J. Hemstreet, J. Walsh, P. Mc Chesney, R. Walenduk, B. Murphy
STAFF: J. Claypoole
GUEST: Kathy Weld

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM. Jane Hemstreet agreed to take the minutes. Jack Walsh volunteered to take them in June.

A discussion of the COA's use of the Dover Police weight room including the following topics: specific time for use, training, and the need for signed waivers preceded the Motion by R. Walenduk to accept the April 2008 minutes with minor spelling corrections. The motion was seconded by B. Hagan. 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

The Council welcomed Barbara Murphy as our new member on the board .

J. Claypoole reported that the new phone line has been installed in the Fireside room and is improving efficiency by allowing two members of the staff to utilize phone services simultaneously.

New Business

A discussion with Kathy Weld concerning the space needs of the COA in the proposed community center was held. Topics included a private office for the Director and cubicles for an assistant and outreach person. Also activity space, an area with comfortable seating for conversation and coffee, a kitchen, a café and ample secure storage. The Board stated that we would prefer to have the COA located where other activities were on-going simultaneously.

B. Hagan reported that she and Sue Sheridan met with a rep from the Salvation Army to review the collection process for the Salvation Army Red Kettle funds collected during the Christmas holidays. The Salvation Army also has funds to help with energy costs for those who are in need through the Energy Alliance. Sue Sheridan will be the energy contact person for seniors.

The board requested expedition of the legal work for establishing Friends of the COA . We may need to provide transcription services as our lawyer is currently unable to provide this service. B. Connors will speak with our lawyer.

Travel Committee

A total of 39 travelers are signed for the Blithwold Trip with the Sherborn COA. Bus transportation and lunch reservations have been confirmed. A trip to Tanglewood on Sunday, July 13th has been planned with the Sherborn COA.

Director's Report:

J. Claypoole distributed the Log sheets for this month's activities. Bridge, and Arts and Crafts numbers will be added to this table. Also distributed was a monthly calendar of events for May.

J. Claypoole reported on a successful meeting of COA Directors at Bay Path where the members decided not to compete with each other for grants. Our COA needs a representative to Bay Path. To encourage a volunteer it was suggested to try to have mileage reimbursed.

J. Claypoole will look into Formula Grants and will attend the Office of Elder Affairs meeting. COA Board Training is available.

It was noted that Massachusetts has a bill to increase the amount of money per elder paid to towns. The bill has passed the House of Representatives and is slated for Senate review.

The Volunteer Luncheon will be held on June 10th.

Jack Walsh thanked Kathy Weld for her interest in supporting the COA and for attending our meeting today.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Hemstreet
Acting Secretary