

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

PRESENT: A. Baranick, E. Bouldry, B. Hagan, J. Hemstreet, P. McChesney, B. Murphy, R. Walenduk, J. Walsh
STAFF: J. Claypoole
GUESTS: D. Stapleton

The meeting called to order at 11:05 AM.

Minutes of the February meeting were read. After a short discussion a motion to accept the minutes was made by B. Murphy and seconded by J. Walsh. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed by A. Baranick. B. Murphy made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by R. Walunduk and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Building committee Report: J. Hemstreet reported that the decision was made by the building committee to use the Caryl School as the Community Center. Ford Spalding, chairman of the committee will address the COA Board in April and attend the April Luncheon. Two articles are scheduled for Town Meeting to request funds to repair and modify the existing structure for community use. Design plans will be prepared and simple modifications can take place soon – removal of bleachers in the “cafeteria”.

Elder Affairs COA Board Training in Medfield: B. Murphy reported the follow suggestions were made at the meeting to help Seniors:

Place a pail of sand and scoop on each porch

Have a Female Police officer available at COA weekly or monthly to meet privately with Seniors as desired

Organize a Brown Bag Pharmacy for evaluation of medications by a pharmacist

Place Elder abuse pamphlets in rest rooms

Place a Pie Chart of Town Budget in a prominent place

Suggest Term limits for COA Board

Set up Council Committees

Have Local cable representative available to answer questions

Place a publication in newspaper every week

Praise volunteers in words and print

Record all telephone calls and help provided or needed

Send cards –Get Well, Birthday etc.

Suggested COA Director be bonded

Friends of the COA: J. Walsh stated a meeting with the three other appointed reviewers (B. Murphy, B. Hagan and J. Hemstreet) will take place on Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00AM in the Fireside Room

Luncheon price was reviewed and the Board decided to table the discussion.

New Business

J. Hemstreet reported that a small group of Dover women is organizing a Neighbor to Neighbor effort to provide one time food delivery to those in need. J. Claypoole will refer names to one person in the group who will contact Dover Market to deliver a pre-agreed upon bag of groceries. Information about additional food sources would be provided as needed; for example, meals are also available at Leonard Morse.

Formula Grant: Budget cuts necessitate fewer hours for Administrative Assistant, Sue Sheridan, this fiscal year, which was at 10 hours/week. In previous fiscal years, Sue worked 12 hours per week.

On Going Business

Spirituality: Amanda Howland from Dover Church will host March session. No speaker for April. Peter DiSanto from Grace Church for May. Suggestions for future meetings: Exploration of other cultures with Steve Marini. His wife is an expert in Middle Eastern Studies.

Luncheon Schedules: St. Patrick's Day luncheon has 38 persons signed up, April luncheon will feature Ford Spalding describing the Caryl School as the Community Center, and the May luncheon will feature a singing group. Also there will be an Aging in Place Workshop on May 13th, and Glaucoma Screening on Wednesday, April 29th.

Travel Committee: J. Claypoole will contact Sherborn COA about possible meeting dates. Wednesday was suggested as a possible time for the Dover members.

A limited number of free tickets are available for Fiddler on the Roof performance at the Dover-Sherborn HS.

Cultural Council grants will fund COA May luncheon performance with singer Ruth Harcovitz and September's performance with Richard Clarke portraying Clarence Darrow.

Senior Property Tax Work-off Program: Positions will be advertised in the Fall Newsletter. Persons now employed are working out well.

Reminder: AAA will pay a percent of Prescriptions and also for eyeglasses

A knitting teacher is needed for the last 3 meetings at the Library. Shirley McGill was suggested.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rita Walenduk at 12:25 pm. The motion was seconded by B. Murphy and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted;

Jane Hemstreet