

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2012

PRESENT: A. Baranick, B. Hagan, E. Bouldry, M. Dilg, J. Hemstreet, B. Murphy, J. Gavrilles,
L. Theodos, C. Groman, P. McChesney

STAFF: J. Claypoole

GUEST: J. Panek, C. Haddleton, M. Schmid, J. Walsh

Meeting called to order at 11:00AM

- A motion to accept February's minutes made by L. Theodos and seconded by A. Baranick. All in favor.
- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by B. Murphy and seconded by J. Gavrilles. All in favor.

Old Business

- **Senior Center** – B. Hagan reported that she had received Senior Center water usage reports from other towns. We will proceed based on this information.
- **Van Update** – M. Dilg reported that J. Melican is still in the process of gathering information from the Mass. Department of Transportation's Mobility Assistance Program and the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority. M. Dilg and J. Melican will meet this week with E. Carr, Administrator, of the MWRTA. J. Melican requested the COA provide information on the number of people in town who will be using the van.

New Business

- **CORI Checks** – B. Murphy reported that in the past, the COA performed CORI checks. At present, Dover schools and the churches perform CORI checks. After discussion, it was decided that J. Claypoole will contact the Department of Elder Affairs to determine the process other COA's use with CORI checks.

Ongoing Business

- **Chairman's Report** –B. Hagan discussed the desire of the Dover Church to partner with the COA to support seniors in our community and provide intergenerational programs. We will begin to use Kraft Hall for some of our programs. Discussion took place on the serious lack of space to hold the COA programs. Other venues were discussed.
- **Travel Committee Report** –J. Gavrilles and other members of Committee met with Sherborn to discuss future trips. She outlined the following trips: Museum of Fine Arts "Art in Bloom", Heritage Museum, Gerry's Place, Tanglewood, Tall Ships and Peabody Essex Museum. A suggestion was made to include The Reagle Players Christmas Pageant.
- **CMAC Report** – The \$15,000 originally allotted to restore the parking lot has been redirected to fixing up the art room.
- **Director's Report** – J. Claypoole reported the COA's budget was presented to the Warrant Committee on January 4. The February luncheon will be moved to Kraft Hall due to work being performed at the Caryl Community Center. The February luncheon will host Rochelle Kruger discussing Adventures in Lifelong Learning / Elderhostel program; March is the St. Patrick's Day luncheon; April will feature Richard Clark portraying Atticus Finch funded by Dover Cultural Council grant and May will be a presentation of the book, "The Finest Hour". A \$5,000 grant was awarded from Foundation of MetroWest to Dover, Holliston and Sherborn to fund the Art for Elders

program (painting class) for a Thursday afternoon session. Sandra Hicks, from the Dover Police Department, led a class of 14 knitters in making several different styles of scarves. The advertisement appeared on the front page of the newspaper in addition to the “Council of Aging Information” area, and drew participants not only from Dover but a few from other towns. An intergenerational program with the 4th Grade Girl Scouts, “100 Random Acts of Kindness” is being organized where Girl Scouts create and deliver homemade flower arrangements to seniors. The Dover Sherborn Middle School 6th grade jazz band would like to perform for the seniors in March; date TBA. Information was provided regarding the “Up Side of Downsizing” seminar on Feb 23rd with lunch provided at the Sherborn Inn. J. Claypoole was asked to provide an update on the \$4,000.00 grant for the Volunteer Coordinator by M. Dilg. J. Claypoole updated the Board and will post the opening.

➤ **Board Member Items –**

B. Murphy reported that the January Snowflake Tea was very successful and participants made paper snowflakes. This month we will hold a “Reminesce Tea”. Please remember that the Evaluation Form needs to be passed out at each event. The Photo Board is being updated. A recommendation was made for each Board member to invite 2 or 3 friends or neighbors to attend a monthly luncheon. B. Murphy volunteered to bring 2 or 3 people to the February luncheon.

J. Hemstreet suggested asking the Blue Moon Café for day old bread. The bread would be available for seniors in the Fireside Room.

L. Theodos suggested placing a notice by the entrance door to the Fireside Room outlining that day’s COA events. Many people walk by and do not realize all the various events the COA sponsors.

➤ **Friends of the COA -** J. Panek reported that a committee has been formed to decide upon where to have the next brunch. An insert will be placed in the April COA Newsletter.

➤ **Citizen Comment –** M. Schmid recommended that the COA poll other towns’ Senior Center Steering Committees. B. Hagan said that she has already spoken to other towns.

A motion to adjourn was made by L. Theodos at 12:45 and seconded by P. McChesney. All in favor,

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg, Acting Secretary