

Dover Council on Aging Board Minutes Tuesday, April 5, 2016

PRESENT: J. Connolly, M. Dilg, B. Hagan, C. Johnston
Staff: J. Claypoole
Guest: M. Schmidt

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the March 15, 2016 Board Minutes was made by J. Connolly and seconded by C. Johnston. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

The April 4, 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed. The balance is \$10,278.51. A motion to accept the April 4, 2016 Treasurer's Report was made by M. Dilg and seconded by C. Johnston. All in favor. J. Claypool reviewed the following reports: COA Revolving Fund-Activities/Transportation FY 2016 through April 6, 2016 and FY16 Formula Grant.

Old Business

- COA Senior Bus – J. Claypoole discussed the meeting with the MWRTA in which she, Craig Hughes and Mike Mitchell attended. The bus service will begin again on April 12. Calls will now go through the MWRTA Call Center. The scheduled van hours have been reduced from 14 to 10 hours and from 3 to 2 days a week. A Ranger computer system will be installed on the van for rider information to be sent automatically to the MWRTA. The Board expressed their opinion that this schedule will not work for our seniors as it is too restrictive. M. Schmidt suggested speaking to Candace McCann about our concerns. It was suggested that the first Tuesday of the month be set aside for a shopping trip to the Natick Mall and/or a restaurant.

J. Connolly suggested trying to reach out to seniors by sending them a letter asking do you know you are a senior, define who we are, ask what programs would you like to see and how can the town be of help to you. See Board Member Items for further discussion on this letter.

New Business

- Caryl Renovation and COA Programs – J. Claypool provided a list of summer programs to K. Warnick and D. Ramsay. Bathroom demolition will take place between June 25 and

August 15. Construction will last through November. Discussion took place on how to move these programs to other places in town during the demolition phase. M. Schmidt suggested moving the COA programs to the Needham COA building. The asbestos flooring will be replaced in Janet's office. The COA office will be moved back to the Town House during construction. Discussion took place on this move. An email was sent by J. Claypoole to D. Ramsay requesting the COA office move to the Park and Rec meeting room in the CCC. The Board requested that a copy of this email be sent to J. Dawley. Two Board members expressed their feelings that they did not want to remain in the CCC during the demolition phase nor should any seniors or programs be in the building.

Ongoing Business

- Chairperson's Report – B. Hagan wished to express her and the Board's appreciation to J. Dawley for his support of the COA while he was a liaison to the COA. We need 2 new Board members plus 2 Associate members.
- Director's Report – J. Claypoole reported the coffee with Sen. Mike Rush was very successful – 25 to 30 people attended. The New Orleans Jazz Band will perform at the April luncheon. The Volunteer lunch will be on May 10. "Johnny Cash" will perform at the June luncheon. Bocce starts April 22. The Volunteer Coordinator position was been posted internally and we have 2 resumes.
- Travel Committee Report – C. Johnston reported the West Point and Foxwoods trips have been cancelled. The West Point trip has been replaced with a trip to The Collings Foundation's Wings and Wheels event on June 18. Many people have signed up for the Montreal, Cape Cod Canal and coast of Maine trips.
- Board Member Items – M. Dilg reported that J. Kent-Uritam spoke to her about obtaining seniors' email addresses. She told M. Dilg that she had spoken to Candace McCann who in turn spoke to D. Ramsay. If the COA wishes, it can send out a letter to all seniors requesting their email addresses. These email addresses will be under the control of the COA. M. Dilg suggested using this opportunity to combine the letter J. Connolly would like to send out (see Old Business) with the request for email addresses. J. Connolly and M. Dilg agreed to draw up this letter.
- Friends of COA – M. Dilg reported the Friends agreed to give an additional \$2,500 to the COA to be used to offset the cost of bus transportation for trips. The Friends has also asked J. Claypoole to provide more information regarding upgrading the My Senior Center software. The Friends have also asked if the COA would be willing to install loop technology for hearing impaired seniors in the Blue Room. Information had been sent previously to Board members regarding this technology and a handout was provided. At present, both the Dover Church and St. Dunstan's use this technology. Anyone who sits within the area of the loop can use the telecoil in their hearing aids to hear a speaker

clearly. The Board discussed this technology and agreed this would be advantageous for our seniors.

- Citizen Comments – There were no citizen comments.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Johnston at 12:05 p.m. and seconded by M. Dilg. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dilg
Secretary