

COA Board minutes, October 26, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Mary Williford.

Chair statement: this meeting is being recorded if anyone else is recording the meeting, please notify the chair now.

COA members present:, Pat Jordan, Mary Williford, Marsha Stone, Dorothy Gagnon, Bobby O'Neill, Karen McCormack, Rachel Lively, Marsha Staples-Love, Adele Stevens, Janice Colbert, Hazel Dawkins.

Excused Absentees: Ginger Carson, Mary Parrott.

Staff present: Hope Macary, Kathy Dunn, Avery Schleeweis, MaryAnn Socquet.

Minutes for the September 28, 2017 accepted as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Correspondence: None.

GSF Report: Bobby O'Neill

IRS reinstated non-exempt status and the Attorney General has granted Certification of Solicitation, and may now start receiving donations. The Foundation is looking for members, and would like to see some community business professionals. Members do not have to be Greenfield residents.

Present Members;

President, Bobby O'Neill

Vice President, Sarah Hinckley

Treasurer, Jo-An Courtemanche

Secretary, Mary Williford

Members, Edie Handleman and Thelma Moeckel.

Rachel Livley will be the liaison for the COA.

They are working on a Mission Statement.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Mary Williford: Petty Cash in balance; set the agenda for the October COA Board meeting. Booking programs into the New Center for late Winter early Spring. GSF fundraising status reinstated by IRS.

Staff Reports:

Director: Hope Macary

Welcomed back Hazel Dawkins.

Building update, ductwork, sprinklers, electrical, plumbing in progress. Sheet rock and paving to start next week, siding is going on. Broadcasting local cable will be available.

- Current location once again has a leak.
- Weldon House will be doing sidewalk repairs and we will have to close while they are doing our entrance.
- We are booking programs into the New Center, no outside groups yet.
- Considering purchasing a couple dozen tablets or Chrome Books for people to use while at the Center.
- Formula Grant rate has been set at \$9.70 per elder, a .30 cent reduction. Even though Governor Baker said he was in favor of supporting Councils on Aging, the budget was cut. It is important to let our elected officials know we want them to support Councils on Aging; Line item #9110-9002.

Activity Director: Kathy Dunn

- Two pilot programs; Setting priority for Greenfield residents for certain programs and events, and the Early Bird feature, discounted fee for early sign ups for certain programs and events are working well and will continue.
- Seniority Dance showing on October 30th at noon at the GCC Main Campus.
- December Trip “Country Christmas” already has 30 signed up.
- Community partnerships are growing. New partnership, Community Health Center. RSVP will be training volunteers who would be interested in leading a Healthy Bones and Balance Program.
- Lisa Harris is the new SHINE Councilor.
- On October 17th Kathy attended a presentation at LifePath, a film “A Will for The Woods” dealing with green burial.

Volunteer Coordinator: Avery Schleeweis

Avery attended the MCOA Fall Conference which was interesting and informative.

- Greenfield High School students will collect our “Painted Rocks” and take them back to their garden.

- STWO has 15 participants, 5 have already filled their volunteer hours.
- CDBG is on track.
- Just Roots' last pick-up will be November 17th. They also donated pumpkins and gourds for our Boo Fest.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Committee list has been set.

The COA Board lost a valued member, Tom Goodwin who died on October 3, 2017. Mary Williford gave thanks and appreciation for Tom's dedicated work on the COA Board, he will be missed.

The November meeting will be on the third Thursday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Whether or not to have a meeting in December should wait until the November meeting before deciding.

Adjourned at 2:25 pm

Next COA meeting, November 16, 2017.

Recorder: MaryAnn Socquet