

COA Board minutes, September 27, 2018 2:00 p.m

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair, Marsha Staples-Love.

Chair statement: this meeting is being recorded if anyone else is recording the meeting, please notify the chair now. There were no other recordings.

COA members present:, Dorothy Gagnon, Robert O'Neill, Marsha Staples-Love, Darrell Slover, Adele Corcoran, Mary Williford, Karen McCormack, Pat Jordan.

Absentees; Janice Colbert, Hazel Dawkins, Ginger Carson, Marsha Stone.

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

Motion to accept the July 26, 2018 presented was made by Mary Williford, seconded by Dorothy Gagnon, unanimous.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Joan Simmons, Springfield College, for allowing Nikki Wing to spend time at the senior center to get to know older persons as real persons.

Executive Committee: Petty Cash in balance;

- Building issues are still being worked on.
- Looking for a kitchen manager.

Senior Center will close the week of December 24, 2018 through January 1, 2019.

- Request of the GSF to help fund the Holiday Party.
- Also discussed creating a new logo for the center.

Staff Reports:

Director: Hope Macary:

- Acoustic panels installed, not much help, also hanging art works to help absorb sound. Walls have no sound muting properties so classes have to be planned around that, ex: bereavement group can't be scheduled next to a room with an exercise group.
- IT – working on PA system in the gallery. Room use for now is being used by Town groups only.
- Garden groups are doing a great job.
- There are now 4 lunch programs, Memory Café, Poets Seat, Pizza day, and Lunch & Learn. Possible satellite meals through the schools. Still looking for a kitchen manager, possibly paid a stipend through our Formula Grant.
- State budget still not finalized.

Motion to purchase an interior "Registration" sign for the reception area was made by Darrell Slover, seconded by Karen McCormack, unanimous.

Motion made by Marsha Staples-Love to have a GREENFIELD SENIOR CENTER sign installed on the south side of the building, no second, motion failed.

- Signage: several options were discussed regarding the center's exterior "Senior Center" signs. Building Committee will look into the options and present them to The Board.

Activity Director: Kathy Dunn:

- Request for \$500 to \$700 from *GSC for Holiday Party.
- Book talk with Author Hazel Dawkins, October 1, at 11am.
- Lunch & Learn sponsored by Franklin First Credit Union, another new partner.
- Griswold Home Care to sponsor the Halloween Party.
- Seniority performances at GVNA, Linda Manor and Arbors at Greenfield, should be featured in The Recorder in October.
- Trip to Norman Rockwell Museum & Red Lion Inn on November 13th is filling up fast.

Volunteer Coordinator: Avery Schleeweis: No report.

New Business: Discussed asking the GSF for \$500 to \$700 to help fund the Holiday Party.
New Logo was put off for another meeting.

GSF: Bobby O'Neill:

- \$3,729.66 in account and they need to pay \$1,139 for insurance, \$500 donation for memorial projects honoring Esther White & Chong Hillman, and a possible donation of \$500 for the Holiday Party, would leave a balance of just over \$2,000.
- Still looking to recruit new members.
- New president of GCC is interested in a partnership with our Center possibly for a meals program.

Old Business: None

Motion to adjourn at 3:15pm was made by Darrell Sover, seconded by Adele Corcoran, unanimous.

Next COA meeting October 25, 2018.

Recorder: MaryAnn Socquet

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