

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
January 23, 2012

Attending: Sandra Budson, Harriet S. Warshaw, Mary Dummer, Gayle Thieme, Bill Murphy, Linda Cohen, Sister Alice M. McCourt

Absent: Dianne Sullivan, Sheila Nugent, Stanley Hodges, Mary Bowers, Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Pernokas, Susan Kagan Lange, Joellen Toussaint, Diane Lapon, Kathleen Quirk, John G. Schuler

Mary Dummer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was no Citizen Speak and the Secretary's Report was accepted. The Treasurer's Report was given by Gayle both verbally and on paper. She made mention of the need for monies for the Volunteer Driver Program and stated that the Professional Services monies that were used to cover Maternity Leave required action at Town Meeting.

Committee Reports followed with Public Relations taking the lead. Sandy Budson stated that the Townsman would highlight each staff person at the COA and that the COA Website would be updated and include frequently asked questions that revolve around seniors, their lifestyle and their needs. She also shared that the Dixie Die Hards would be giving a Roaring 20's night on May 11. This event was welcomed with great enthusiasm. Details to follow.

Gayle gave the Senior Center Update which confirmed a no to a Warrant for the Spring Town Meeting re: Al Robinson recommendation.

Friends Update was given by Harriet Warshaw who stated that the by-laws are being worked on and will be based on the Friends of the Library by-laws. The 501 c 3 is next.

It was announced that Dianne Sullivan will chair the Transportation Committee, Sandy Boris-Berkowitz will give a transportation package seminar on February 27 at 2 PM at the Library and the COA bus stats were given out. Gayle stated she is working on getting a complete history of riders from the bus company.

Mary Dummer brought up the question of waivers as a topic that the Policy and Procedure Committee is working on. A discussion followed around the importance of having contact information on participants as opposed to a waiver.

The Administrative Update followed with Gayle commenting on the limited time that Ted Behr can give to the Volunteer program. She also announced that the Volunteer Appreciation Event this year would be on April 20 at 9:30 AM. Details to follow.

A lengthy discussion followed on the COA Tracking System, COATS, which was initiated in 2007. Gayle stated that this system is not meeting their needs and so she and others have researched options which she gave as a handout with the recommendation

that this question, which represents a significant amount of money, be continued in discussion. There was agreement by the Board members present.

The Friendly Aid Neighbor Brigade concept was defined and it was agreed that the COA would get involved through the Social Services aspect and ideas would be generated and worked on in the coming months.

Gayle spoke to programming and the need to donate \$250 to Springwell as a decision that had been made at least 25 years ago that refers to the Older Americans Act. The money came from the Gift Account.

It was announced that on May 1 a Guided Tour for the Seniors would be held at the new high school around 3:15 PM. More details to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting is on February 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Wellesley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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