Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
October 17, 2011

Attending: Susan Kagan Lange, Stanley G. Hodges, Gayle Thieme, Mary Dummer, Mary Bowers, Joellen Toussaint, Bill Murphy, Diane Lapon, Kathleen Quirk, Dianne Sullivan, Harriet S. Warshaw, Sister Alice M. McCourt, John G. Schuler

Absent: Eleanor Sullivan, Linda Cohen, Sandra Budson, Sheila Nugent, Andrew Pernokas.

Mary Dummer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was no Citizen Speak. A discussion followed about the Minutes of an Executive Session and their recording as well as why the COA Board would go in to Executive Session. It was clarified that the Open Meeting Law states that an Executive Session is called for if there is a potential of "negotiations' around real estate as an issue at hand and that is the case involving the future senior center. Henceforth, the minutes of any Executive Session will not be made public. There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

Gayle Thieme began the Administrative Update with a comprehensive report around the topic of transportation and announced that the celebration of this program and its volunteers would be on October 20. (see 9/19/11 minutes) Updates were given on the following: programming, MCOA Conference, Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/19/11, Christmas Party on 12/13/11 and the policy that Wellesley residents would have first priority at these events. Policy drafts were again discussed with an agreement that the COA Publications would only need one change. "A fee of $75 is required…" The Board then voted unanimously on the policy. The Participant Registration draft involved corrections that would bring it back for vote at the next meeting. Harriet Warshaw stated that she is working on the 501 c 3 status of the Friends of Wellesley Senior Neighbors, the by-laws and the future transitioning of leadership. She will continue to update the Board at future meetings.

Susan Lange gave an update on Springwell which touched on continuum of care, delivery of services, rates in revamping a system and the collaboration with Newton Wellesley Hospital around follow-up after discharge.

Susan Lange stated that there was no update on the future Senior Center.

Mary Dummer reported that the Public Relations Committee was working with staff to get more information and pictures out and around town as well as affirm and promote the COA Board at the Spelling Bee on 11/3/11. She also initiated a discussion around transportation and Wellesley At Home. A spirited exchange happened with the mandate from the Board to have Mary write a response to WAH. It was agreed that she would do this after feedback from the Board re: her draft via e-mail.

There was a vote at 9:10 PM to move to Executive Session.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting is on November 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Wellesley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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