

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting  
April 23, 2012

Attending: Sheila Nugent, Linda Cohen, Stanley Hodges, Gayle Thieme, Mary Dummer, Harriet Warshaw, Mary Bowers, Sandy Budson, Diane Lapon, Bill Murphy, Dianne Sullivan, Kathleen Quirk, Susan Kagan Lange, Sister Alice McCourt, John Schuler

Absent: Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Pernokas, Joellen Toussaint

Mary Dummer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was no Citizen Speak and the Secretary's Report was accepted with a spelling correction. The Treasurer's Report was passed out and spoken to by Diane Lapon. She addressed the issue of having a petty cash fund with discussion but no resolution. She also addressed the issue of the funding sources for the COA bus that will end in 2014 and 2018 and the need to begin thinking about the potential for more funding. The use of the Gift Account and the process for disbursing funds was explained.

Sandy Budson spoke to the May 11 event that Public Relations is sponsoring and the need for marketing to increase the attendance, the reduced cost of \$5.00 tickets for students and the need for volunteers to set-up, serve and break down. The Committee is hopeful that the event will at least break even. It is the first night event for the COA and is a trial balloon for holding others.

The Senior Center Update was given by Susan Lange with the understanding that other committee members could add at any point. The following issues/concerns were spoken to: confirmation of the American Legion site, parking and the potential of a committee to handle this, the Saint James Property/Committee and the need to make a case for the senior center, the question of use of the Warren Recreation Building, a need to meet with the Board of Selectmen to elicit support of the stand-alone Senior Center, a need/request for the Saint James Property complex to be open for senior use, a need to keep the issue of the Senior Center alive via the Townsman with letters of support and a request to meet with the Board of Selectmen in the next week. A separate request was made to meet with some representatives of the Saint James Committee during the beginning of May. Susan agreed to orchestrate this request in terms of a date and who should meet with the COA Board. Another idea was floated re: Education Series to be held in the Fall at the Library but the members and agenda were not confirmed.

Dianne Sullivan gave a comprehensive Transportation Report both verbally and in writing. This included data, a mini audit of the present system and facts about the need for a new contract which proposal is due on May 18. A call to increase the membership of this committee was made and called for to continue to research transportation needs about the COA bus as well as other concerns.

Linda Cohen stated that she, Mary Bowers and Sandy Budson are the Nominating Committee and they will present a slate in May. She encouraged the present members to give names of potential new members and associates to anyone on the committee. She

also stated that the COA by-laws would be studied as part of the on-going agenda of this committee in the Fall.

The Administration Update was given by Gayle Thieme and included a comprehensive discussion of phone issues as well as potential resolutions. This is being done with the knowledge and involvement of the Town. MySeniorCenter.com was discussed and the suggestion of going to see how it works at the Needham COA as well as confirming the amount of money that NIS will expend was affirmed.

Gayle also shared events of interest that were coming up as well as passed around flyers advertizing them. The issue of paying up front for programs was brought up and Mary Dummer, Sheila Nugent and Gayle agreed to bring back the policy/draft they were working on previously. Gayle again stated that the loss of monies was minimal and there was a policy for subsidizing participants if necessary.

The Volunteer Driver Program draft was brought up for discussion and affirmation. The motion to pass it following the discussion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting is on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Wellesley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sister Alice M. McCourt, SND