

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting  
June 18, 2012

Attending: Sheila Nugent, Joellen Toussaint, Kathleen Quirk, Mary Dummer, Gayle Thieme, Harriet Warshaw, Linda Cohen, Sandra Budson, Mary Bowers, Dianne Sullivan, Bill Murphy, Susan Kagan Lange, Diane Lapon, Laura Veligor, John G. Schuler, Sister Alice McCourt

Absent: Stanley Hodges, Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Pernokas

Mary Dummer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. As it was the last meeting for Mary as Chair, the Board held a celebration of thanksgiving for all that she had contributed to advance the Mission and goals of the COA Board. Cake and cards of gratitude were given while Mary shared her reflections on her year. Included in this celebration was Kathleen Quirk who is leaving the Board after 10 years of faithful commitment. The Board immediately invited Kathleen to join a committee!

There was no Citizen Speak.

Laura Veligor presented a summary of the project with MCOA that she was not only a participant in but received Program Manager Certification upon graduation. She encouraged the Board to spend time reading through the folder that represented the work she had done and which can be found in her office. A hearty round of congratulations was given her by the Board.

The Secretary's Report was accepted with the following additions: Stanley Hodges name added to Attending and a recommendation by Stanley to look in to the idea of seniors having stickers to either lessen or eliminate the need for parking money at/in meters around town.

The Treasurer's Report was given out with comments by both Gayle and Diane. Gayle assured the Board that the budget would be balanced by July and some monies will be given back to Town's General Fund. At this time she thanked Babson for a donation of about \$1800 for initiatives that they had done and will augment the Gift Account. Diane then spoke of meeting with Gayle and stating goals for next year: increase staff, monitor bus contract and increase participation in/for programs. She stated that there are 5400 adults in town over 60 years of age!

Linda Cohen presented the nominations for Board membership for next year and there was a unanimous motion of acceptance. There was some discussion around attending Board meetings as defined in the by-laws and there was a more lengthy discussion around inviting/naming a Board member to be a part of the Saint James Committee. After clarification of need, role and responsibility, it was decided that the Nominating Committee will ask Miguel Lessing to perform this task. He is coming on the Board as an associate member in September.

Sandra Budson gave a report of Public Relations and the presence the committee had been at/for the special Town Meeting in June. Materials had been given out and poster boards had been displayed. The committee had also been presented with an idea by Harriet Warshaw to have a sign up card be available on the day of the summer barbeque to elicit seniors for specified volunteer projects during the coming year. A form was passed out and in general the members seemed to agree with this suggestion. A clarification was made to keep the name Public Relations as stated in the by-laws and to discontinue using the name communications for the committee.

Susan Kagan Lange spoke to the Senior Center Update. She began by passing out the COA Board statement that was given before the Advisory Committee on May 16. She then listed all the meetings that had taken place during the past month many of which had either been on cable tv or reported in the Townsman. A full and detailed discussion and report was given around parking for the stand alone senior center which was shared by members of the working committee: Susan, John, Gayle and Harriet. A resolution of the parking question was given in full detail by John Schuler and greeted with great enthusiasm by members of the Board.

Dianne Sullivan gave the report on Transportation which included the decision to contract with M&L for next year. She then gave stats from the audit that she continues to research. Ideas were given around promoting the COA bus and ridership around town and in the Townsman. A short discussion followed around the sticker idea suggested at the beginning of this report but it was decided to table the idea until the Fall meeting.

Gayle Thieme gave the Administration Update which included the purchase of a new tv with monies donated by the Friends and the rest taken from the Gift Account, comments on the Newsletter, purchase of the light model of MySeniorCenter.com with monies donated by the Town and a unanimous vote to take the rest of the money out of the Gift Account. A donation of \$500 was given to the Volunteer Driver Program and it was announced that the Director of the Program will be compensated by the COA budget. A new addition to Gayle's report was a handout that included staff reports of what had been done during the past month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

The date of the next Council on Aging Board meeting in September has not been determined. There are no Board meetings in July and August.

Respectfully submitted by  
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