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Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
November 19, 2012

Attending: Joellen Toussaint, Dianne Sullivan, Mary Dummer, Sheila Nugent, John G. Schuler, Joanne Kilsdonk, Bill Murphy, Miguel Lessing, Mary Bowers, Laura Veligor, Susan Kagan Lange, Gayle Thieme, Harriet S. Warshaw, Sandra Budson, Linda Cohen, Sister Alice M. McCourt

Absent: Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Pernokas, Diane Lapon, Stanley G. Hodges

Susan Kagan Lange, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. She had invited the Spelling Bee Winners to be present and each person spoke as well as received recognition and congratulations from the Board. A picture was taken to be sent to the Townsman that included the trophy that will be kept in/for the COA. There was no Citizen Speak and the Secretary's Report was accepted with no discussion/changes. The Treasurer's Report was tabled until the Director's Report as Diane Lapon was not in attendance.

The Chair's Report was given by Susan Kagan Lange and included comments on the following: the COA is moving forward with programs/participants expanding such as the evening series and the golf outing both of which were very successful; Board members were instructed to leave donation envelopes in an assigned box and it was stated that Mary Dummer and Diane Lapon would be in charge of overseeing the project; the Friends project is progressing; the Finance Committee is being developed; the Nomination Committee is operative; the Long Range Planning Committee is being discussed by the Executive Committee; all Board members are welcome to the Orientation meeting on December 5; there is an evening series on 11/29 and 3/3/13/info given out and there are several opportunities for Board members to become Town Meeting members.

An Outreach Report was given by Laura Veligor, staff Health and Social Services Administrator, which primarily consisted of the Salvation Army program as well as the potential for vouchers for groceries, electricity and heat. A paper report is in the office.

The Director's Report followed with Gayle Thieme passing out the Treasurer's /Bus Report as well as mentioning the 2014 Budget preparation, the need for new computers especially re: Shine program, the TOP coordinator now in place, the Volunteer Appreciation Event success, the Thanksgiving Dinner success, the up-coming Holiday Party, the Policy and Procedure Committee work and questions regarding transportation.

The Transportation Committee report was given by Dianne Sullivan and included the on-going research re: ridership, need,.cost and statistics that are needed to move forward. She and Gayle met with Hans Larsen re: the present bus contract and it was stated that a change was not objected to but needed to be recommended after all avenues of potential modes of transportation in the Town were addressed. It was mentioned that a grant had been looked in to and information would be forthcoming.

The 900 Worcester Street Committee was updated with/by Miguel Lessing-nothing new.

There was no report on the Finance Committee as Diane Lapon was not present.

The Policies and Procedures Committee was reported on/given out by Gayle and information that would become effective on January 1, 2013 was accepted after several recommendations.

Public Relations/Communications Committee was reported on by Mary Dummer and consisted of announcing that the 50's Frolics would be on May 3, 2013.

The Tolles-Parsons Planning Committee was reported on by Harriet Warshaw and John Schuler and included the following: a review of demographics/programming for COA present and future has been happening; a meeting with reps from Town Departments has been happening re: services in preparation for presentation in February; the concept of inter-generational as opposed to multi-generational is the goal; collaboratives are already in place and this is to be a "mission driven building".

The Parallel Process Report was passed out and reviewed by Susan Kagan Lange. There was a decision to request a meeting with Katherine Babson and Barbara Searle to explain the paragraph before Recommendation. Susan agreed to call and arrange for a meeting with the COA Board.

There was no report from the Sunshine Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting will be on January 7, 2013 at the Wellesley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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