

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
May 20, 2013

Attending: Diane Lapon, Joanne Kilsdonk, Bill Murphy, Mary Bowers, Susan Kagan Lange, Gayle Thieme, Dianne Sullivan, John G. Schuler, Joellen Toussaint, Sandy Budson, Linda Cohen, Sheila Nugent, Cecilia Milano, Sophia Stone, Mary Dummer, Tom Kealy, Tom Coyle, Barbara Peacock-Coady, Peter Godfrey, Heather Kirkpatrick, Miguel Lessing, Sister Alice M. McCourt

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

Susan Kagan Lange, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was no Citizen Speak and the Secretary's Report was accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Gayle in word and on paper. A new format is being looked in to and there were no questions or comments.

Gayle then gave the Director's Report which had been given out on paper as well as the staff reports over the past month. Job Descriptions, resumes and interviews for the new staff positions are a big part of Gayle's job over the next month as well as finalizing transportation with the Town and M&L. An explanation of a one year contract was given both verbally and on paper and there was great affirmation by the Board in terms of the work that had been put in to getting to this point by the Transportation Committee. Bus stats were passed out and a request for a more detailed but merged report to include the Volunteer Driver Program was stated and agreed to on-going.

Mary Dummer reported on the Public Relations Committee and Joanne Kilsdonk gave facts to back up the premise that the goals of the 50's event had not only been met but successfully. The task of the committee is to decide on a future direction.

Sandy Budson gave an overview of the Waterstone Artist Event and it was agreed that the COA has a goal to partner with more people/places in town.

Mary Bowers presented the slate both verbally and in writing for incoming members of the Board as well as Executive Committee which will be voted on in June.

John Schuler presented the Tolles Parsons Center Planning Committee update which again raised questions about parking at the Housing site as well as highlighted the need for collaboration. On-going conversations continue around these issues as well as re-designing the interior of the proposed building according to need re: space, programs and offices. There was a request for Board members to volunteer to commit to the permanent building committee meetings all summer long every other week.

Miguel Lessing again stated that the 900 Worcester Street Committee is on hold.

Susan Kagan Lange introduced verbally and in writing the Long Range Planning Committee structure, membership, possible goals as well as solicited information, ideas, timelines, etc.

The Friends of the Wellesley Council on Aging had been invited to attend the meeting and update the board as to where they were at as well as encourage feedback and give input. Information in writing was passed around as well as questions/explanations were discussed. The Board was encouraged to suggest members for this venture which is so important for the fund raising aspect to meet the needs of programs, a new building and on-going ventures to improve the quality of the life of the seniors in town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting will be on June 17, 2013 at the Wellesley Community Center at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
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