

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting
October 15, 2012

Attending: John G. Schuler, Dianne Sullivan, Sheila Nugent, Mary Dummer, Stanley G. Hodges, Miguel Lessing, Joanne Kilsdonk, Bill Murphy, Mary Bowers, Joellen Toussaint, Sandra Budson, Gayle Thieme, Susan Kagan Lange, Diane Lapon, Lois Camberg, Sister Alice M. McCourt

Absent: Eleanor Sullivan, Andrew Pernokas, Linda Cohen, Harriet Warshaw

Susan Kagan Lange, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. There was no Citizen Speak. The Secretary's Report was accepted with the following amendments: Diane Lapon at meeting and Susan, Mary Dummer and Gayle had met with the Community Center Board.

The Treasurer's Report was passed out with the following comments: Simon's Fund donated \$12,000 for this year, transportation cost is one third of budget and postage, phones and bus contract were touched upon.

Susan Kagan Lange gave the Chair Report beginning with an explanation of the Discretionary Fund and ending with a decision to send out an envelope with the agenda and minutes so that Board members could contribute in an unmarked envelope. The envelopes would be collected at the beginning of the November meeting, collated by the treasurer, kept in a locked box in the COA office and used as needed during the year. A report of funds and distribution would be given at the end of the year. This process was given a unanimous vote. The success of the first Evening Series was announced and all Board members were encouraged to attend up-coming events. The Golf outing and Music initiative which should begin in January were spoken of as well as the Board Orientation on December 5 at the Library. Comments were also made about the Friends project, the on-going conversations with the Director of Wellesley At Home and the need to build Board Committees around Finance and Nomination of New Members.

Lois Camberg gave a Volunteer Driver Program Report and commented on the initiation of an after hours pilot program which was handed out and discussed. It was agreed that this project could move forward

Gayle Thieme gave the Director's Report which included the following: Volunteer Fair and Transportation Fair were very successful, TOP grant from Springwell funded and coordinator needed, up-coming events are Volunteer recognition, Halloween party, Thanksgiving Dinner, Holiday Party and more orientation for MySeniorCenter.com.

Committee Reports followed beginning with PR/Communications. The Spelling Bee is coming up, the Lecture Series is on-going, the Spring Social is under discussion and research about programs for men is being done. Programs/events will be highlighted in the Townsman as often as possible.

The Tolles-Parsons Center Planning Committee Report was given by John Schuler and the support for the AL site was again affirmed with an emphasis on programming. The inclusion of Town departments and personnel for ideas and collaboration was stated.

The 900 Worcester Street Committee Report was given by Miguel Lessing on a power point and with a comprehensive history, needs assessment, committee members and up to date site and parking components aspect.

Dianne Sullivan gave the Transportation Report with facts obtained through a survey as well as a call for more information, education and committee members needed to surface hard data for ridership and funding. This topic is not only on the COA agenda but the Town in general as there are so many opportunities for need and service.

Mary Bowers continues to devote time and effort to reaching out to others as part of the Sunshine Fund.

Susan Kagan Lange spoke to the Parallel Process much of which had been highlighted in the Townsman. The AL site was again affirmed as well as the confirmation that the 900 Washington Street Site would not be let go until there was confirmation that the AL site would go forward as the site for the Senior Center.

Mary Dummer spoke to the decision of the Human Resources Department to affirm managers in the Town, including Gayle, with an increase in salary according to recognition of their job description as supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

The next Council on Aging Board meeting will be on November 19, 2012 at the Wellesley Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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