

Wellesley Council on Aging Board Meeting June 16, 2014

Attending: Voting Members: Sandra Budson, Linda Cohen, Mary Dummer, Miguel Lessing, Sr. Alice McCourt, Bill Murphy, Sheila Nugent, John Schuler, Dianne Sullivan and Joellen Toussaint. Associate Members: Mary Bowers, Stanley Hodges, Judy Keefe, Joanne Kilsdonk, Penny Lawrence, Shirley Quinn, and Eleanor Sullivan. Gayle Thieme, Director of Senior Services.
Absent: Jack Cross, Susan Kagan-Lange, Diane Lapon, Richard TenEyck and Harriet Warshaw.
Guests: Meg Hodges, Laura Sullivan and WHS student Stephen Selvidge.

Chair John Schuler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Garden Room of the Wellesley Community Center. No party wished to address the Board during the Citizen's Speak section.

The Chair proceeded to recognize Eleanor Sullivan and Stanley Hodges for their many contributions to the Board over long years, naming them Board Members Emeriti. Mary Bowers, Linda Cohen and Gayle Thieme described examples of the positive role and the special contributions the new Emeriti made to the COA. An Emeriti Plaque now carries their names, along with that of Emeriti M.E. (Billie) Tolls. The honorees proceeded to thank the board and reminisced about their time on the Board. The celebration concluded with breaking into a cake.

The Chair requested accepting September 15, 2014 as the date for the next Board Meeting at the Wellesley Community Center. The motion was offered by Bill Murphy, seconded by Joellen Toussaint and adopted with a unanimous vote.

With a motion from Sheila Nugent and a second from Mary Dummer, the minutes of the May 19 2014 Board meeting were approved unanimously after amending them to identify Linda Cohen as a voting member instead of an associate member of the board.

Gayle Thieme and Transportation Committee Chair Dianne Sullivan informed the Board about the progress on the change of the COA bus transport from a contracted service to one run by COA personnel. Staff and office space has been secured with training proceeding speedily. The bus services are to start on July 1st and education and advertising to users is ongoing. Alternatives for back-up van drivers are being explored. The Board recognized the significant efforts Gayle and the Transportation Committee put behind this important and sensitive project.

Mary Bowers, Chair of the Membership/Nominating Committee offered the following names for officers and board members for the Fiscal Year 2015 (July 2014 – June 2015):

Officers: Chair: John Schuler, Vice Chair: Sandra Budson, Treasurer: Miguel Lessing, Secretary Shirley Quinn.

Renewed three-year term board members (term ending June 30, 2017): Sandra Budson, Diane Lapon, Sr. Alice McCourt and Linda Cohen.

New Associate Members: Jean Boyle, Diane Campbell, Lisa Heyison, Gerald Kelley and Frederick Wright.

Linda Cohen offered the corresponding motion with a second by Sheila Nugent. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Board will consist of: Voting Members: the officers plus Mary Dummer, Susan Kagan Lange, Diane Lapon, Sr. Alice McCourt, William Murphy, Sheila Nugent, Joellen Toussaint. The Voting Member roster is increased from eleven to thirteen, with the addition of Joanne Kilsdonk and Dianne Sullivan. Associate Members are: Jean Boyle, Mary Bowers, Diane Campbell, Linda Cohen, John Cross, Lisa Heyison, Judith Keefe, Gerald Kelley, Penelope Lawrence and Frederick Wright.

John Schuler informed on the latest events related to the Tolles-Parsons Building. It is likely that a vote for allocating construction funds may come to a Special Town Meeting before the end of 2014.

Gayle Thieme informed that the fiscal year would end with a surplus, which will be transferred to the Town's general funds.

Miguel Lessing suggested a change to the reporting format for transportation passengers, to include other means in addition to the COA bus. He offered to suggest a revised spreadsheet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on September 15 at the Wellesley Community Center.

Presented by

Miguel Lessing, Secretary