

COUNCIL ON AGING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 1/18/17

IN ATTENDANCE: COA Director Lynne Stanton, Dot DiChiara, Ron Mertens, Laurel Puchalski, Frank Sadowski, Anita Wright

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m.

MINUTES of 12/21 unanimously approved on a motion made by F. Sadowski, seconded by A. Wright

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached)

- Budget is on target
- Report was unanimously approved as amended on a motion made by F. Sadowski, seconded by L. Puchalski.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (see attached)

SENIOR CENTER INITIATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. Wright reported that there was a meeting with CIC. They will support our efforts and make a recommendation to FINCOM for the money for the design study
- A Power Point presentation is planned to be shown to BOS at the end of February.
- After meeting with the BOS, a number of meetings will be held for the public on "Why we need the design study" before Town Meeting in April.

OTHER

- L. Puchalski mentioned how well-attended and well-received the presentation Gus Rusch did for the December's Ladies Tea. L. Stanton responded that he is a favorite presenter and donates his time to the COA. A Hodgies gift card was given to him in appreciation.
- The Mr. Fix-It program has also been well-received and that he was also given a Hodgies gift card in appreciation.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:45 a.m. on a motion by L. Puchalski, seconded by D.DiChiara and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Public Safety Building Conference Room

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY Laurel Puchalski

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Groveland Council On Aging
Director's Report
January 18, 2017

Old Business

- ☞ **Birthday Bash** Good attendance at January party, in spite of 4 last minute no-shows.
- ☞ **Elders** Concern over three women has subsided. No incidents of late.
- ☞ **2nd New PC** Not installed. Awaiting Outreach replacement. Easier for Denise to set up in her office once new hire's made.

New Business

- ☞ **Update to BOS on Ring & Ride** Denise told me that the Board of Selectmen were seeking an update from me on cost / ridership with the Ring & Ride program (that is now free). I received data from MVRTA's executive director. Still under assessed budget. I am scheduled to update on Monday, January 23rd. Discussion.
- ☞ **Staff** Richard McNeil (our new van driver) is scheduled to go before the BOS on January 23 between 6:30-6:45 to be appointed. Still seeking Outreach worker. No response to date. None.
- ☞ **Trips / Programs** Fewer trips in Jan/Feb but all filled.
- ☞ **Van** \$806.72 charge by MVRTA for tires / repair. Submitted in January 5th bills payable warrant.
- ☞ **SHINE** Problems with Rx insurers + new Medicare enrollees. February 14 SHINE meeting.
- ☞ **FY17 Budget** On track. Tight grip on expenses through end of year.
- ☞ **FY18 Budget** Submitted. I sought \$1,000 additional expense dollars (total request \$7,600) as contingency fund for van repairs.
- ☞ **Capital Improvement Committee** Sent Jeff Pappas (CIC Chairman) justification for "Design Study" funding. I dropped it to \$35k following receipt of three architects' general proposal.
- ☞ **Food Pantry** Stocked to the gills!

Coming Events

- ☞ **February Holiday** Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day)
- ☞ **AARP Tax Prep** Begins Feb. 9 – April 13. February is booked solid. Some openings in March. New guidelines this year. Longer prep time needed per return. Huge help to folks.
- ☞ **Men's Breakfast** Feb. 14 program w/ Off. Josh Sindoni on ID Theft.
- ☞ **Ladies Tea** Thurs., Feb. 23 at 12:00pm. Speaker TBD as previous NECC advertised speaker retired after Nisha booked the program.
- ☞ **"Beat the Winter Blues"** Concert w/ Pentucket jazz combo etc. Tues., February 28 at 11:30am
- ☞ **Recipe Book Fundraiser** I will be meeting with *Friends* at their first post-winter meeting to seek interest in this fundraiser. Collecting recipes through spring / summer. Launch and sale in September (possible availability for Groveland Day). Thank you Anita Wright for this great idea.

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Public Safety Building – Conference Room

