

**COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 3/29/17**

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

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES of 2/15/17 unanimously approved on a motion made by F. Sadowski, seconded by A. Wright

TREASURER'S REPORT (see attached)

- F. Sadowski commented on how low the Director's salary is for all she does
- A. Wright wanted it on record that if funds were available, she would like to see a 3-5% increase in the Director's salary
- The report was unanimously approved on a motion made by F. Sadowski, seconded by A. Wright

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (see attached)

- A candidate has been selected for the Outstanding Service to Seniors award to be given at the April 13 Volunteer Appreciation Day event.
- The van is now available for on a donation basis every Wednesday for trip to River's Edge for shopping
- Schedule of upcoming events is available in April's COA newsletter

SENIOR CENTER INITIATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Presentation to BOS on March 6 went very well
- Committee will meet on April 4. Previously scheduled meetings were cancelled
- Meetings for the public will be held before Town Meeting

(L. Puchalski left meeting. D. DiChiara continued recording Minutes)

OTHER

- There is a good candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board when R. Mertens' term expires

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:35 a.m. on a motion by R. Mertens, seconded by D. DiChiara and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Public Safety Building Conference Room

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY Laurel Puchalski

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TAX COLLECTOR

(Signature)

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Director's Report

March 29, 2017 – (postponed from March 15)

Old Business

- ☞ **“Beat the Winter Blues”** Concert w/ Pentucket students was poorly attended. 31 students and 16 attendees. Apparently a miscommunication w/ teachers re. number of students performing.
- ☞ **Birthday Bash** March party was well attended. Folks enjoy performer Paul Wayne.
- ☞ **Recipe Book Fundraiser** Was off work for *Friends* March meeting. Will present in April.
- ☞ **AARP Tax Prep** Ends April 6. Booked solid. Big help for people.
- ☞ **“Pentucket Walking Club”** 5 folks signed up. Well liked so far. Students provide “stretch stations,” teacher supervises and instructor from Merrimac leads the charge!
- ☞ **Online Ethics Certification** Deadline is April 7th (print out of certificate due in Town Clerk’s office)

New Business

- ☞ **Elders** A few folks w/ mental health issues have been seeking our help.
- ☞ **“National Drug Take Back Day”** Sat., April 29 from 10am-2pm. Drop off in PD station lobby.
- ☞ **Staff** Richard McNeil continues to thrive in new position. Outreach worker – A good candidate passed on position. Indeed.Com and Craig’s List are our next options.
- ☞ **SHINE Recertification Exam** Date TBA in April. Monday evenings have proven to be helpful to folks soon-to-be-retired, or working family members helping their parents w/ insurance issues.
- ☞ **MARTap Driver Training** Both van drivers will attend the “Lift Use / Passenger Securement” class in Beverly on Thurs., April 13
- ☞ **Van** No issues.
- ☞ **FY17 Budget** Expenses = \$1,422 remaining. Outreach line item = \$5,094 excess (whatever is not used by new hire) will go back to town’s general fund
- ☞ **FY18 Budget** No news on budget cuts or salary/wage increases. Health insurance premiums have gone up 6-6.8% (depending on plan).
- ☞ **Town Meeting Article** New abatement amount for Senior Tax Work Off Program will be proposed – from \$500 per household to \$1,000 in hopes of increasing participation / use.
- ☞ **Senior Center Initiative** March 6th Board of Selectmen presentation went well. “Preliminary Financial Justification” document copied and available in Town Hall lobby. Public meeting info will be on front page of April newsletter (no dates yet, but “where to find” dates / times).

Coming Events

- ☞ **Social Hour** April 6th Social Hour will have refreshments and info provided by Darlene Sutton and her “Lifelong Journey” program at NECC in Haverhill
- ☞ **Men’s Breakfast** Howie Newman - “Baseball History & Stories” re-scheduled for April 11th
- ☞ **Events / Trips** MFA trip repeat in April. See attached newsletter
- ☞ **No Birthday parties** in April or May due to Vol. Apprec. + COA Sr. Day. There will, tho’, be cake!
- ☞ **Volunteer Appreciation** Thurs., April 13 at 10:30am at Town Hall. Look for invitations in mail!
- ☞ **Ladies Tea** Date TDB in May at Noon. Gus Reusch’s program on Anne Bradford and Emily Dickinson
- ☞ **COA Senior Day** Thursday, May 11th 9:00am -2:00pm. This year’s theme: “Age Out Loud!”
- ☞ **Elder Law Program** Tuesday, May 16 (Elder Law month) at 10:00am. Atty. Elaine Dalton will give program

Next COA Board Meeting:

Date: April 19 Time: 9:30am

Public Safety Building – Conference Room

