

Harvard Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 15, 2014
Hildreth House

Present: Sue Guswa, Connie Larrabee, Bruce Dolimount, Hank Fitek, Pam Frederick, Katie Petrossi, Deb Thompson

Absent: Carlene Phillips, Fran Nickerson

Guests: Sharon Briggs and Claudia Jarrett - FCOA

Joan Eliyesil - Harvard Press, Kelly Carrion - Harvard Hillside

Call to order: 4:06

Minutes of the August 26, 2014 Annual Planning Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurers Report: Incomplete due to some postings not recorded at Town Hall and end of year issues not changed over yet. Complete report in October.

MCOA Conference in Falmouth, MA

Deb, Katie and others are attending.

Deb encouraged attendance and volunteering.

COA Application for C.P.I.C.

Submit date is 9/26/2014.

Selectmen will schedule meetings with all who applied for funds with CPIC.

Assessed value of Hildreth House decreased to 276,100 in 2014.

Program Committee: no report, meeting tomorrow.

Communications: New COA brochure has been printed and "Talking Points" will be folded and inserted into the brochure. Help folding is welcome.

MRPC Block Grant update

(Montachusett Regional Planning Commision)

Connie and Hank met with Bill Scanlon (town planner) and Kevin Flynn (MRPC).

They do give money for Senior Centers and for access, like the lift and wider doors. Timing is "tricky" and must have "bid ready" documents.

Harvard might not qualify.

People in Harvard who participated in the Home Rehabilitation program pay back the project loan when they sell their homes,. There is a fund of \$120,000.00 in town coffers.

Director's Report:

Doug Lee helped Deb with excel form showing percentage increase in use of COA services.

The Annual Report to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs has been submitted, showing a marked increase in the use of COA services.

Debbie and Katie will work on entering intergenerational stats in My Senior Center.

Though the number of senior residents is growing, the demand for COA services is growing more rapidly than the population.

COA presentation to Harvard Women's Club (Katie and Deb) 10/6/2014

They are working on presentation and received ideas from the board members.

Discussion of using a power point projector and availability of built-in projector.

FCOA REPORT:

FCOA Flea Market fundraiser - Sat., Oct. 11, 2014

Claudia Jarrett gave an update on the Flea Market booth and asked for items to be stored in her barn. Please, NO dishes, linens, kid's books, or big furniture.

Circles of connection is theme and FCOA is making November a celebration of those who are "60+" to honor the "Sixty Plus Club" from years ago.

Claudia has appealed to UU church and to Congo church to incorporate something into curriculum related to 60 + month.

Claudia would like letters to Principals and assistant Principals of the elementary and upper level schools about 60 + month.

Find 60 + Speakers to share their stories. (Marna's idea)

Senior spotlight in newsletter, local papers, local cable

Are there centenarian's in town to be with school kids on 100th day of school?

November: "Grand" friends Day to celebrate grandparents and "grand" friends.

Pat Jennings + Chef Paul to host a "community" dinner in fall.

Debbie said the "Farm to Friend" dinner may be in December

Sharon Briggs said FCOA will do a town wide mailing to raise money.

Old Business:

COA Committee will discuss policies, including term limits and report to board.

Debbie will revise policy for out-of- town participants in COA meals.

Next meetings: 10/20/14 and 11/17/14

Submitted by Pam Frederick, recorder

