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Date: September 18, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Present:, Richard Townsend, Lorraine Hayes, Stephen Walinsky, Everett Grahn, Margaret Masmanian, Lee Ayotte, Edna LaPan, Marie Kosiba,. and Judith O'Connor

Absent: Helen Mankevetch, Stuart Mulhane, and Betty Hamilton

Vouchers: The vouchers were signed by all members present

Minutes: A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Everett Grahn, Seconded by Lorraine Haynes. Vote unanimous.

Reorganization: A motion was made by Everett Grahn that the officers remain, Chairman Richard Townsend, Vice Chairman Stephen Walinsky, and Clerk Lorraine Hayes. Seconded by Margaret Masmanian. Vote Unanimous.

Correspondence

A letter from MCOA explaining that the dues for 2015 will be \$463.04 and that we should make sure they are requested in our formula grant. This year's dues were free because of a statewide grant that prepaid all MCOA dues for FY14.

A memo from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs announcing the appointments of Sue Temper as new Elder Affairs Assistance Secretary of Programs and Operations and Sue Thomson Assistant Secretary of Policy & Program Development.

A letter from Reliant Medical Group explaining that they will no longer accept Fallon Senior Plan HMO (a Medicare Advantage plan) as on 1/1/14. They are going to accept Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO. They are requesting an informational meeting to be held at the Senior Center. Mrs. O'Connor stated that she has booked dates for BC/BS, Tufts, Fallon and will offer a time for Reliant.

A memo from Project Bread explaining that the SNAP/Food Stamp Program will be going through some changes. The elderly will find an increase in benefits in Oct. and a decrease in benefits in Nov. This is due to the American Recovery Reinvestment Act.

A letter from Congressman James McGovern stating that as we are his new constituents he wanted us to be aware of his new office location, 12 East Worcester St., Worcester, MA. His district staff is available for a wide range of Federal issues and concerns.

A letter from the Director of Volunteer Services, Commonwealth of Mass, Dept of Mental Health requesting us to post a flyer for Friendly Visitor in the new Geriatric Unit at Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital, 309 Belmont St., Worcester, MA.

An E-mail from the RSVP Program announcing the renew of their grant and a need to meet with us regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. Mrs. O'Connor stated that the meeting will be on Oct. 4, 2013 at 2:00 PM.

A memo from MCOA announcing the Fall conference. "Where Do We Grow from Here" It will be held in Sturbridge MA on Oct, 2,3 & 4. Mrs. O'Connor will be attending.

Received a save the date for a day of fun sponsored by Fallon Community Health Plan on Oct. 24, 2013 from 10 AM to 3 PM at the DCU Center, Worcester.

Report of Standing Committee

- A. *Budget & Finance* – Mr. Townsend explained the request from the Finance Director for a meeting with the Financial Mgt. Planning Committee with regards to a 5 year budget plan for the Council on Aging. He will meet with them along with Mr. Walinsky and Mrs. O'Connor on Sept, 26th.
- B. *Personnel* – Ms. O'Connor reported that we have received a Senior Aide from Catholic Charities. She started on September 4th. We were given Linda Hettel for 1 year.. She will work Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 12 noon, 20 hours per week.
- C. *Nominating* – no report
- D. *Legislative* – The concerns are with Medicare supplemental insurance and the open enrollment is from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, 2013. The starting date for Medicare preferred changes is Jan 1, 2014.
- E. *Senior Center – Policy Committee*-We have one request to use the facility. The First Cong rational Church would like to use the building on Friday, November 22nd from 4 PM to 10 PM. Board member Marie Kosiba will be the staff person for that evening . A motion was made by Everett Grahn o allow the Congregational Church use of the facility on Nov. 22. Seconded by Loraine Hayes. Vote Unanimous.
- F. *Building Maintenance/Equipment*. – Mrs. O'Connor reported that she ordered the bench in memory of Eleanor Klosek. It should be here by October. Mr. Townsend explained that the Board of Health has held 4 inspections in 6 months here at the Center, and the last one they went in every closet checking for mice. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Everett Grahn to have pest control come to the Senior Center every two weeks and that it should be part of our regular budget starting the next fiscal year. Seconded by Steve Walinsky. Vote Unanimous..

OLD BUSINESS

Elder Care Services/Nutrition Program-. Mrs. O'Connor reported that the Nutrition Program has lost some Federal Funding. The Board of Elder Services voted to increase the suggested donation for the Noon meals to \$2.50, up from \$2.00 taking effect on Jan. 1, 2014. The State is also offering free food products for breakfast at the Senior Center.. The program would be run by volunteers with a suggested donation of any amount, Mrs. O'Connor would like to possible do this once a month and have the donations go to the nutrition program.

Intergenerational/Friendly Visitor – We have stated to advertising for teens for the “Helping Hands” Program. We have 2 new individuals who are going to be Friendly visitors for us.

Elder Service Program - We have added one new worker to this program.

Report on the Friends of the Millbury Seniors, Inc.- The “Friends” group is currently sponsoring all of the exercise classes for the elderly being held at the Senior Center. They will also sponsor the Craft Fair to be held on Nov. 9th from 9 AM o 2 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

The Medicare supplemental insurance open enrollment is from Oct. 15, 2013 through December 7, 2013, taking effect January 1, 2014. The following informational programs are scheduled at the Senior Center: Oct. 4th – Blue Cross; Oct. 11th – The Shine boot Camp, Oct. 21st and Oct. 25th Fallon Health Care.

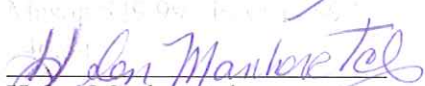
TREASURER REPORT: Voucher totals from July 1, 2013 through September – Nat. Grid, \$898.76, 671.65; Casella, \$114,58, 114.58; 114.58 J.J Bafaro, \$131.80, Ray’s True Value 155.17, 35.51, NStar, \$30.38 & \$27.91, Sprague, \$28.41, & 38.58 Aquarion \$525.24, W.B. Mason \$49.99, Powers \$98.00, 39.50, 115.00 & 65.00; Belmont Spring \$5.38, 5.38; 146 Supply \$46.54.

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 AM was made by Lorraine Hayes Seconded by Edna LaPan Vote Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct.16, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Judith O’Connor


Richard Townsend

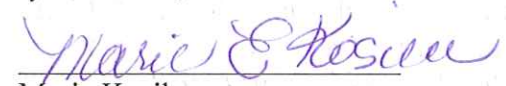

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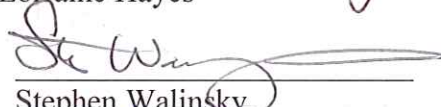

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