

## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

### Minutes of the Council on Aging Board Meeting held February 11, 2010

**Members Present:** Newton Wesley, Ruth Delmonico, and Alice Olsen

**Associate Members Present:** Kate Hogan, William Byron

**The Director of the COA,** Alyson Toole, was also in attendance

**Absent:** Elizabeth Tobey, Paul Chaisson, Gus Stathis, Jo Langley, Brian Burke, Nancy Chaisson, Eleanor Beaudette, Kristen Donovan

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:26 A.M. with Vice Chairman, Newton Wesley presiding.

**Secretary's Report:** The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting as presented.

**Liaison Reports:** Gus Stathis, the Chair of the New Senior Center Sub Committee reported that they met on January 21. Gus and Jim decided that they would apply to be a member of the Pompo School Study Committee. Alyson will develop a survey to determine space needs of each group that has regularly scheduled activities.

Bill Byron, the liaison to the Community Preservation Committee, updated the Board on recent plans.

Liaisons should be invited to attend Board meetings and/or send reports giving summaries of their committees.

**Chair's Report:** No report. Chair absent.

#### **Director's Report:**

- Bill Wrigley appreciated the COA's level funded/reduced budget that was submitted for FY'11.
- Letter received from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs confirming the announcement of a Formula Grant award of \$5,264. The amount is based on the 2000 census at a rate of \$7 per senior.
- An annual certification packet was received from the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation requesting detailing the van usage and driver training for the new van that we received from a State Mobility Grant in 2008.
- Discussed the possibility of hiring a full or part time receptionist. A suggestion was made to ask the Friends to support the position with a stipend.
- Each town department must prepare a report to be included in the Annual Stow Town Report.

- The current printer of the newsletter is retiring. March will be the last issue he will complete. Starting in April the Stow Independent has agreed to print and distribute the newsletter in the last Wednesday of the month's newspaper. While this will be more expensive, the newsletter will reach every household and inform residents of the COA's many programs.

### **Outreach Coordinators Reports**

- Suzanne continues her home visits and crafts classes trying different kinds of crafts. Donations of goods are received; some are kept; some are donated; and some are discarded.
- The Board of Health requested the kitchen counter be sanitized since soup is being served.
- One of January's programs was a "Get Organized" presentation by professional organizer, Ann Deluty. It was well attended.
- Fuel assistance requests continue. The February newsletter will inform people that applications are still being accepted and funds are available through the Friends.
- Tickets have been ordered for the Shriners Circus held in April which will be offered at no charge.
- "Laugh Yourself Healthy," a program by Affinity Hospice of Life, will take place on April 15.
- Sharon made a number of home and hospital visits.
- Some of the February activities include visits to the Rose Art Museum and lunch at the Chateau, the Rhode Island Flower Show and lunch at Fire and Ice, a tour of the Fire Station, and a tour of the Wachusett Brewery.
- "The Lawyer for the Day" is very popular. Attorney Daniel M. Tremblay of Bolton is offering his services for a one-on-one, half hour consultation.
- Skype presentation was very well received. There are plans to get a web cam for the Council.
- The Friends will be purchasing a new flat screen television for the C. O. A.
- Looking forward to March, there's a St. Patrick's celebration, a visit to Sherborn for the Blue Horizon Jazz Lunch, and a trip to Orchard Hill Assisted Living.
- There will be a training for receptionists on February 25 to go over rules.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

- Alyson is looking into getting a **Got Books** receptacle as a fundraising possibility.
- Kate Hogan would like to organize a trip to the State House for seniors from Stow, Maynard, and Hudson.

**Sunshine Fund**

A get-well dish garden will be purchased for Chairman, Elizabeth Tobey, who is recuperating from surgery.

**Meeting Schedule**

July 8 and August 12 were added to the Board meeting schedule.

**Adjourn:** Upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A. M.

**Next Meeting** – March 11, 2010

**Respectfully submitted**

Ruth Delmonico