

## COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

### Minutes of the Council on Aging Board Meeting held Thursday, June 10, 2010

Members Present: Elizabeth Tobey, Alice Olsen, Newton Wesley, Gus Stathis, Ruth Delmonico

**Associate Members Present:** Jo Langley

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

**Guest,** Jim Sauta, was also present.

**Absent:** Paul Chaisson, Nancy Chaisson, Eleanor Beaudette, Bill Byron, Kate Hogan, Brian Burke, Kristen Donovan

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:10 A. M. with Chairman, Elizabeth Tobey presiding.

**Secretary's Report:** The board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 13, 2010 meeting as submitted.

#### **Liaison Reports:**

Jo Langley, liaison to the Friends, spoke of the need for additional volunteers for Friends' events. No other liaison reports.

No Chair's Report this month

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

- Need to purchase a large van: The nineteen-passenger van was junked. We can use MART vans in the interim, but it's difficult to get to Leominster early enough. Jim reported on a twenty-passenger van seen at a New Hampshire dealership. It has only 62,000 miles. It has been checked over. Everything in good shape, however it does not have a rear exit. He did not feel this was a concern, but board members felt this was a safety issue. Jim will call the dealership to determine the cost of installing a rear door and see if an extended warrantee is available.
- New Van Driver: A total of 15 applications were received with varying experiences. A committee comprised of Alyson, Suzanne, Elizabeth, and Jim Sauta interviewed a few of the applicants. The one candidate who was outstanding was Heidi Fritz. Alyson recommended she be hired. A motion was made and seconded to hire her at the top rate of \$16.53. The vote to hire Heidi Fritz was unanimous. Alyson will prepare an information packet for Heidi.
- Change in payment to Vender: Beginning July 1, 2010, the COA will no longer be paying the Aerobics instructor. Instead, she will be collecting and keeping the \$3.00 class charge for her fee. She must give a 30-day notice if she wishes to change this procedure.

- COA Yard Sale: Because the Lions Club Flea Market was cancelled, the COA Friends will hold a yard sale at the Sauta's barn on Hudson Road on June 19 from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

## **Outreach Coordinators Reports**

### **Sharon Funkhouser:**

- The newsletter goes to every household but the challenge is it must be prepared and sent to the Independent by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, which is a new challenge.
- Pen pal Program: Mrs. Plumb's second grade class and 18 seniors corresponded over the school year. The seniors were honored at a tea at Pompositicut School where they met their pen pals and were entertained by Mrs. Plumb's class.
- The new veterans' agent will give a talk on June 16.
- On June 18, there will be a State House tour. Kate Hogan will provide refreshments.
- A visit to Castle Island is part of the "Keep Moving" program sponsored by the Dept. of Public Health.
- I continue home and hospital visits, also, office visits and phone consultations
- Looking Ahead: Seabrook Science and Nature Center, Five secrets of weight loss, Lowell Spinners, and more

### **Suzanne Howley:**

- Went to Molly's Apothecary in Medway. Participants made lotions, and came home with samples of soap and lip balm. They also had a retail shop.
- Craft group is growing. Ingrid is helping. We've made fabric envelopes and rice buddies.
- I sat in on the interviews for the van driver.
- Officer Mike Salese will be speaking on computer fraud on July 8.
- Prison Lunch is always popular.
- Continue to plan for future events.

### **Other Business:**

- Gus suggested we contact habitually absent members to determine why they are not attending. Elizabeth will contact inactive members to see if they wish to continue on the Board or if the meeting time is the issue.
- Kristen Donovan has submitted her letter of interest to the Selectmen to become a member of the COA board.

**Adjourn:** Upon duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2010

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Ruth Delmonico