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COA Board Meeting Minutes for 10/25/06

Present:

Dennis Cunningham, Faith Driggs, Deb Giza, Barbara Larsen, Evelyn Minarek, Peg Rasmussen, Sandy Wonders, Suzanne Grout Thomas

President Dennis Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9 AM. The minutes of June 28, 2006 were approved with the correction to Carol Parlante's name. Ernie Bauer is a new member of the Board but was unable to attend today.

Old Business

Deb Giza reported on her recent visit to Seashore Point and said visitors are welcome. Suzanne is on their advisory board and provided additional details about construction and purchase arrangements. At least two Wellfleet residents have committed to living there.

Suzanne also said a local developer requested data in elders on Cape Cod since a potential buyer may be interested in a 12 acre property in Wellfleet for assisted living.

The town's insurance company vetoed Dale Donovan's idea to increase rental income from the library and senior center by including a liquor license. However, a step-by-step information packet for potential renters is being developed and could be marketed to area caterers.

New Business

New officers were nominated, seconded, and elected unanimously: President, Dennis Cunningham Vice President, Deb Giza Secretary, Sandy Wonders

Barbara Larsen announced that she will be moving away and we will need to replace her for the FCOA Board. Deb Giza was elected and will attend the annual meeting on December 6 at 4 PM with Sandy.

Director's Report

Suzanne reported on a new option of buying a van with 80% state money, but she is also keeping a request for town funds for a handicapped accessible van in the budget for the 2007 annual town meeting. Statistics are being kept on rides requested and the responses made. Our states Formula Grant will increase by about \$300 due to an increase in our over 60 population.

Activities at the Senior Center continue to increase. There will be a concert on Saturday and the Capering Canines are scheduled for November 19. The annual craft fair will be November 5 along with the FCOA bake sale to benefit the van fund. All are encouraged to donate baked goods or money. Expanded exercise class options include a low impact class on Wednesdays. Ping pong is also every Wednesday.

Iris's soup sales are generating over \$100 a week but the soup, coffee, and Thursday lunches are not yet self sustaining without grant funds.

A flu shot clinic is scheduled and sign-ups are in process. A nutrition specialist is now available three times a month, one for a diabetic cooking class and twice for diabetic counseling sessions.

Recent donations to the Senior Center include a 42 inch TV for conference use, an exercise bike, and ice cream (perhaps for an ice cream social).

Other Business

Sandy reported on the October Elder Services Board meeting she attended and said she has joined the Nutrition Committee. She will circulate handouts from future Elder Services meetings which can be copied on request.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29 at 9 AM Members are asked to complete and bring the COA Board Self-Assessment Survey for discussion then.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Wonders Secretary