

COA Board Meeting

Minutes for ~~11/29/06~~ 12/31/06

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Present: Faith Driggs, Deb Giza, Evelyn Minarek, Suzanne Grout Thomas, Ernie Bauer, Dennis Cunningham, Peg Rasmussen, Evelyn Sheffres, Sandy Wonders.

President Dennis Cunningham opened the meeting and new member Evelyn Sheffres was introduced. Evelyn is also on the Cultural Council and explained the grant application process and the kinds of projects supported by the Council.

The minutes of November 29, 2006 were approved as corrected (Alice Boyd is the grant writer). There was no meeting in December.

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Peg, Sandy, and Suzanne presented information about the state-sponsored training for COA Board members which they attended in Wareham. We then discussed the possibility of identifying measurable and achievable goals for our Board and settled on the recruitment of three new volunteer drivers since transportation, especially to medical appointments, is a very great need for Wellfleet seniors. Our plan is to begin with publicity and Dennis offered to make and distribute a flyer. There could be an article in the March-April WAVE and outreach to local media. Suzanne said that training on how to transport seniors safely could be arranged by Reach, which could also provide volunteer insurance if the town pays the \$15 annual fee and the volunteer drivers go through Reach.

Director's Report

Suzanne explained that the CCRTA grant application process for a van takes 18 to 24 months. COA staff are working very hard to help people get where they need to go, including providing rides themselves and accessing other resources such as the hospital bus and HOW. Data are kept on ~~rides~~ ^{rides} requested and the responses.

Suzanne distributed copies of A Guide for Board Members of Councils on Aging and her FY '08 budget request with justification for an increase in staff time for the office manager and office assistant.

Sandy circulated copies of material from the January 23 rd Elders Services board and committee meetings. Copies can be made on request.

Deb Giza has joined the Board of the Friends of the COA to replace Barbara Larsen as one of our two required representatives. The Friends approved a \$1,500 contribution to Mass Appeal and is continuing to work on fundraising \$10,000 for a van. With a \$5,000 bequest from the Costello estate, about \$6,000 is now available.

Ernie said there was a good response to his cane display and he donated to the Friends a part of the proceeds of the cane sales.

Next meeting will be February 28, 2007 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sandy Wonders
Secretary**

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