

Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2019

231 Maple Road Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair Julie Moulton, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Marybeth Bergeron, Saul Finestone, Phil Hallahan, Rose Morace, Marge Morgan, Fran Miffitt, Eleanor Stolar, Judy Yaffe, Theresa Yesu, Select Board Liaison Marie Angelides

Absent: Vice Chair George Shea (with notice), Marilyn Hurst, Rose Morace, John Bowen, Jay Leib.

Guest: Robin Frechette

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for January were approved. February minutes were approved following a change in (B) State Representative office; he will file not he has filed a budget for a generator for the new center.

Reports:

a. Select board: They will be looking at the budget tonight. There will be a special town meeting on the 26th, all should try and attend. Also a meeting on the 27th regarding a proposed gas line station at the Longmeadow Country Club. A question and answer period by the Tennessee Gas Co. to explain their plan will follow.

b. State Representative office: Nothing on elder affairs as yet. There is a program tonight at the center from 6:00 – 8:00 pm regarding health care, a question and answer period; not just for seniors. Please try to attend.

c. Director's report: Jim passed out information for the month of March. Special events continue to show progress. The Silver Sneakers program is a big success. Erin attended our meeting to discuss the neighbor to neighbor program. A grant was received from GSSSI. The program tries to find isolated people to help. Marybeth suggested having a reason for making a visit. It's a social interaction not a medical one. We are also looking out for people who live alone. Erin passes out information regarding loneliness.

d. Treasurers Report: Jim passed out March treasurer's report which included the current balances on revolving accounts. We have a surplus of \$15,783.92. On the home modification program we need to spend down to get new money. He also noted that the new van has been ordered and should be here in June.

e. FOLOCA: Eleanor was at the meeting. They have \$132,077 in their account. Nothing was resolved at the meeting.

f. GSSSI: Fran noted a finance audit was taken. March is Meals on Wheels month.

g. Building Committee: Marybeth stated that we will be breaking ground on the new building in June. As per the meeting on the 26th regarding the Maple Tree Shop in the new building- a motion that "the COA is not in favor of the petition." It was a unanimous vote of not in favor. Since Marie has left our meeting, Marybeth will inform her of our motion and decision. Fran noted when people ask about the new center, she tells them we are building to budget.

h. Advocacy: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- a. Special Town meeting – March 26th at 7:00 pm, all please attend.
- b. Neighbor to Neighbor Program – Erin discussed this in the director's report.

Old Business:

- a. Program coordinator position has been filled. Her name Lindsay Gill. The position is for 30 hours. Jim stated she has the right background for the position and will start April 8th.
- b. **Update: New COA van;** Has been ordered and will be delivered to us in June. We have increased the drivers to 5 volunteers. The van will have 14 seats with 2 handicapped areas. Saul stated we are two meetings away from voting for new executive positions. Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Anyone interested in these positions please contact a member of the nominating committee: Saul, Eleanor or Ellie.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectively submitted

Ellie Tyson, Secretary