

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

March 17, 2011 9:30 AM

Present: Chair Marilyn Hurst, Vice Chair Rose Morace, Secretary Margaret Jenkins, Director Karen Michelman, Mary Beth Bergeron, Ernest Blake, John Bowen, Pat Camerota, John Carey, Saul Finestone, Joseph Occhiuti, Eleanor Stolar

Excused: Diane Nadeau, Select Board representative Rob Aseltine

Welcome: Chair Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Secretary's Report: The February minutes were accepted as sent.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was emailed with the minutes this time. There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Select Board: No report.

Staff and Director's Report: Director Karen Michelman reported that in February, 17 Home Modification Fund inquiries and 4 completed applications were received. A Bay Path student is setting up a Veterans web page for the town website. The Council on Aging FY 2011 Annual Report has been submitted. A grant application for a wellness program is being prepared. Quotes for new Adult Center tables and chairs have been requested. The Adult Center will be hosting a booth with information for retirees at the Longmeadow Health Fair to be held on 4/27/11. The Annual Volunteers Luncheon will be held on 6/9/11 at the Twin Hills Country Club. 53 residents received fuel assistance this year compared to 36 last year. Cooperation with the JCC on joint trips is going smoothly. The British royal wedding will be simulcast at the Adult Center starting at 6AM on 4/29/11.

Committee Reports:

Advocacy	Eleanor Stolar stated that she submitted her article (to restore the program coordinator salary) for the Town Warrant. There were no notes in the suggestion box. Eleanor inquired if many took advantage of the free van rides. Due to weather not many did. So van rides will also be free in April. Eleanor also inquired if the Center could be open longer hours as are other senior centers. Karen replied often people stay beyond 3PM but with present staffing they cannot schedule longer hours.
Benefactors	No report
By-Laws	Saul Finestone reported that the committee is working on something and it will report at the next meeting.
GSSI	Rose Morace reported that their focus is still Home Care and Training. Volunteers are needed to help fill out applications for grants. Area agents from GSSI are to get volunteers to teach/help with balance/walking.
Legislative	John Bowen reported that Rob Aseltine said at the Select Board meeting (3/5) that "if the Board decides to present this they should take a vote." He had talked to the Director of Sudbury. "Circuit Breaker takes about ½ to 1% to fund this program." Several on the Board congratulated John on all the work he has done on this. John drafted a letter to the Select Board. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter with a few changes (approved) from the COA Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously passed.

Longmeadow Update	Saul Finestone reported that every vacancy on the School Committee has a candidate and Marie Angelides is running for Select Board.
Nutrition	Margaret Jenkins reported all is OK in the kitchen. The meals are delicious!
Over 60 Club	Next meeting is April 7 – “Love Letters” will be presented.
Transportation	April will also be a FREE FARE month! PVTA is planning a meeting at the end of March at the East Longmeadow Senior Center. Karen hopes to attend.
FOLOCA	Karen reported as Diane Nadeau was absent. The gift shop is doing well. 22 gas cards were given to regular Meals on Wheels drivers for the great job they did this past winter.
Other	Marilyn reported that those on the Board whose terms expire this year should fill out an application soon. The deadline is April 14 th . There are also many other vacancies on town boards and commissions. Marilyn is going to the Select Board meeting on March 21 st to support the program coordinator salary inclusion in the FY 2012 town budget. She also reported that the Open Meeting Law definition of public meetings includes emails.
Announcements	None
Old Business	None
New Business	None

Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Jenkins, Secretary

Next Meeting on April 21, 2011