

**Council on Aging
Longmeadow, Massachusetts
Board of Directors' Meeting - May 15, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. *In attendance:* Karen Michelman, Executive Director, Patricia Camerota, Ernie Blake, Tina deMeza, Saul Finestone, Anamarie Friberg, Charles Hamlin, Ellen Heye, Alana Hoffman, James O'Donnell, George Pennington, Betty Rochford, Eleanor Stolar. *Excused:* Charlotte Burke, Diane Nadeau.

Absent: John Carey.

Welcome: P. Camerota opened the meeting

Announcements: P. Camerota noted that the three-year terms are up for the following Board members: J. Carey, T. deMeza, C. Hamlin, E. Heye, and D. Nadeau. Ms. deMeza, Mr. Hamlin and Ms. Heye have indicated that they will not be reapplying for their positions on the Board. Ms. Camerota noted that applications for the open Board seats should be sent to the Select Board as soon as possible, and to confirm attendance at the Select Board meeting. Select Board interviews will take place June 16, and appointments confirmed on July 7.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: K. Michelman distributed the May, 15 2008 report. Accepted as presented.

Committees:

Benefactors: E. Stolar - the account balances continue to grow.

GSSSI: E. Blake had no news.

Legislative: K. Michelman noted a recent e-mail requesting lobbying for increased funding for the formula grant for fiscal year '09 was successful with the House; no news yet from the Senate. Ms. Michelman noted that \$2,700 has been cut from the town budget for the Senior Center. Representatives from FOLOCA said they may be able to help with the shortfall. Ideas for saving money will be welcome.

Longmeadow Update: S. Finestone reported that an afternoon forum for the current candidates for the town School Committee will be held on Friday, June 6 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Senior Center. The format of the forum was discussed; S. Finestone will coordinate with P. Camerota and N. Smith.

Nutrition: B. Rochford had no news.

Over 60: A. Friberg reported that their party will take place on June 5.

SALT: T. deMeza reported that last SALT presentation for the year will be held on July 14.
Transportation: Ms. Michelman noted the recent announcement that the PVRTA is proposing a \$0.50 increase (from \$2.00 to \$2.50) per one-way trip due to the increase in fuel costs. She noted that a public meeting will take place on June 2 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield; she added comments can also be sent directly to the PVRTA. Ms. Michelman said she would like to see the Center's van be used more and asked that suggestions for trips be given to her.

FOLOCA: G. Pennington commented that committee member Mr. Camerota recently visited seven banks in order to decide where to bank FOLOCA's funds; freshen-up painting still needs to be done at the Center; the Pavilion/patio and furniture proposal by the Community Preservation Program was passed at the recent Town meeting; at their recent meeting, committee members voted to underwrite the funding for new A/C units in the Center's gift shop and kitchen. Finally, it was noted that an Edwardian tea will take place at the Center on May 21; A. Friberg will have a croquet course set up near the tennis courts for all to enjoy.

Staff Announcements: K. Michelman noted that Ellen Gold is looking for additional Meals on Wheels drivers for the summer months. Invitations have been mailed for the annual volunteer luncheon, scheduled for June 12 at Twin Hills.

Director's Report: Ms. Michelman noted that Mr. Wrabel of DPW and Mr. Hannigan of Park & Rec are working together on the new outdoor tables and patio; Mr. Wrabel has given his final review of the new awning and it is now being constructed; the security system at the Center is now working; the Wii game will probably be purchased for the Center.

Old Business: T. deMeza asked if all volunteers have received the emergency information discussed at last year's presentations; K. Michelman will follow up. Ms. deMeza suggested that all volunteers wear name tags, and suggested that the important emergency information be printed on the back of the name tag for easy reference. Ms. Camerota thanked Norice Smith for setting up the presentation on the 2009 digital TV transition.

New Business: none

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina deMeza
Secretary (Acting)

(Next Meeting - September 18th)