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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- March 13, 2013

Members present: Pat Gold, Will Twombly, V.V. Martin, Hagop Sarkissian, Carol Airasian, and Dottie Brown.

Members excused absence: Mary Keenan and Mike Donham

Staff members present: Caryl Fox, Kathleen Wolf, Debbie Dunn, and Laura Gold.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson, Pat Gold.

1. Board members read the minutes of the last meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Dottie Brown seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

The financial statements for [February](#) were reviewed by board members. Caryl Fox noted that we received a thousand dollar grant for the taxi project from the Watertown Community foundation. The grant will keep the program operational until the next Marshall Home Fund grant cycle. The recent changes in applying for the RIDE program and the increase in cost per ride were discussed.

3. Possible Day Trips - 2013:

Debbie Dunn, Kathleen Wolf, and Caryl Fox put together a schedule of monthly day trips and reviewed them with the staff of Atlantic Coach. The trips are diverse in cost, location, and events. The various trips were described to Board members.

4. AARP Income Tax Program - 2013:

Volunteers from AARP who are trained by IRS have been assisting seniors with taxes this year since mid-February. The program is designed to help low and moderate income seniors with relatively simple returns. Watertown seniors are very appreciative that the program is available. We have added more appointments (slots) and will serve more than eighty seniors this year.

5. Town Approval for Public Building Energy Improvements:

Board members, Pat Gold and Mike Donham, attended a recent Town Council meeting that included a discussion of the upcoming schedule for public building energy improvements.

Ms. Gold spoke at the meeting, reminding councilors to keep the Senior Center needs near the top of the list.

6. Outreach to the Watertown Community – re: LGBT Aging:

Board member, Will Twombly, suggested showing the film “Gen Silent” for the Watertown community. The library was suggested as a central place for the film viewing. Kathleen Wolf will follow through on emailing the producer/distributor about the cost. We will contact the library as well. Cost of the film could be funded through the World in Watertown or the Marshall Home Fund. A Thursday evening in late spring was suggested as a possible date.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox