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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- July 10, 2013

Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Mike Donham, V.V. Martin, Dottie Brown, and Carol Airasian.

Members excused absence: Will Twombly.

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

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

1. The minutes of the [June](#) meeting were read by Board members. Mary Keenan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Donham seconded. Passed.

2. [Financial Statements](#):

Caryl Fox reviewed the end of the year fiscal numbers for the line items. Except for the utilities, which we can't control, the money was spent on needed items and services.

3. Springwell Update:

Caryl Fox attended the meeting on June 14, 2013 with Acting Director Ruth Beckerman-Rodau and local COA directors. The previous director, who had been there for a short time, is no longer there. Pat Gold was concerned that some programs were experiencing difficulties. At the meeting, Ms. Beckerman-Rodau said that the agency is now hiring and that morale is up. Watertown's two representatives on the Springwell Board have not been well, so have been less involved. Caryl Fox will continue to monitor the situation.

4. FY '14 EOEI Formula Grant:

The amount of the grant for all COA's has been increased to \$8.00 per senior, up from \$7.00 a senior. The amount Watertown will receive for FY '14 will be \$52,568.00. The funding is used for part of the part-time salaries for the program coordinator, office manager, case worker, and bus driver. This year, we will also seek to get new blinds for the Center, which haven't been replaced since the building was built.

5. Building Maintenance Issues:

The building needed several repairs this spring including the alarm, the door to the gym, a toilet repair, and a leak into the men's room from the air-conditioner in the attic.

The deck will be repaired in FY '14 and will use combined funding for capital improvements for FY '13 and FY '14. Replacing the wood with plastic compound material is much more expensive than we realized. The COA will be contacting the Purchasing Agent for more detailed information on how to proceed for this project.

6. Art Class Show At Watertown Public Library:

The Senior Center's art class is exhibiting their paintings at the Watertown Free Public Library during the month of July. This is the first time a Senior Center show has been held there. We are hoping it will be an annual event.

7. September Meeting Date:

The September meeting will be held one week later than the usual date, on September 18, 2013 at 5:30 pm. There is no meeting in August.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox