

Minutes of COA Board Meeting – May 13, 2015

Board Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Michael Donham, V.V. Martin, Carol Airasian, Dorothy Jean Brown, Burt Greenberg, and Alice Wadden

Members Excused Absence: Linda Moffitt

Staff Members present: Caryl Fox and Debbie Dunn

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

1. The minutes of last month's meeting were read by the Board Members. Dorothy Jean Brown made a motion to approve and V.V. Martin seconded. Passed

2. Financial Statements:

Caryl highlighted areas from the statements. She noted that all the supply items funds will be spent on needed materials by the end of the fiscal year. There should be adequate funding in the building maintenance account to get some needed special cleaning done in the Center in June.

3. Senior Center Yard Sale Updates:

The Annual Yard Sale made the most money ever for the Revolving Fund. The final total was \$2552.00. We had a large number of volunteers that helped staff with set-up, selling and clean-up. Caryl thanked the Board for all the various ways that they contributed to the event.

4. Bus Repairs:

The bus has been well maintained over the past two years. It has some body damage due to snowy weather. At the end of May, the bus will be off the road for about a week for body repairs. If needed, people can call us for taxi transportation for grocery shopping.

5. FY '16 COA Budget:

The FY '16 level service budget has small increases in the building maintenance and office, program and food supplies line items. The COA/Senior Center budget presentation to the Town Council is on Saturday, May 30th at approximately 10:00 AM.

6. Summer Events:

Debbie outlined upcoming lectures and events. Later this month there will be a presentation by Russo's, a lecture from Social Security and a concert of Broadway songs. June features a lecture on back pain by our yoga instructor and one on estate planning. The play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed at the Center by the New Rep Theatre with a grant awarded to them by the Marshall Home Fund. The art class will be exhibiting their paintings here the 1st week of June and at the library the month of July. Our Annual Senior Center Birthday Party is June 5th. The Watertown Historical Society will be doing a lecture in July. Monthly trips are also planned.

7. Board Member, Burt Greenberg asked whether the program for snow shoveling for seniors coordinated by Ken Woodland met all the requests for assistance. Caryl explained that although it was very successful, it was a pilot project and was not able to fill all the requests. Also, the program does not have snow plowing which some seniors need.

8. Pat Gold, Board President, noted The Boston Globe is doing a good series of articles on nursing home issues. She has been working with Watertown's state legislators about her concerns, especially with the inadequate number of beds in the state.

9. A Board member asked if parking was still a problem for senior activities in the morning. Caryl said that once the on-street parking ban was lifted and the snow piles melted, parking has been fine.

10. There is a meeting about transportation issues in the community on June 4th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox