

Minutes of COA Board Meeting – June 10, 2015

Board Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, V.V. Martin, Carol Airasian, Alice Wadden, Burt Greenberg and Linda Moffitt

Members Excused Absence: Dorothy Jean Brown

Staff Members present: Caryl Fox and Debbie Dunn

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. The Board Members reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve and Mary Keenan seconded. Passed

2. Financial Statements:

The end of the fiscal year is June 30th. A few of the line items may have some funds left over. The Food Pantry Revolving Fund has enough money for the summer months thanks to generous donations last fall and winter. The 2015 application for the Project Bread grant has been sent in.

3. End of Year Cleaning:

We had funds to do some extra cleaning of the Senior Center. It was used to clean the rugs and upholstery, as well as the floor, tables and chairs in the multi-purpose room and the kitchen. The windows were also cleaned, inside and out. The bathrooms were sanitized this month as well.

4. June Events:

The Senior Center's annual birthday party held last Friday was a big success with over 70 people in attendance who enjoyed the food, music, dancing, Mellowtones and door prizes. The lecture on back pain given by our exercise and yoga teacher had 25 people and was filmed by Watertown Cable TV. A lecture on trusts in June will also be filmed. A trip to Ogunquit is planned on June 25th. The bus was out for repairs and is now back in service.

5. Watertown Public Transportation Issues:

A meeting was held on June 4th sponsored by the Transportation Management Association about increasing public transportation options in Watertown. Board members, Pat, Burt and Mary attended. The MBTA is trying to improve bus scheduling in Town. Pat noted that the only plans for enhanced transportation are along the Pleasant Street and Arsenal Street corridors where there is new business development.

6. Health Care and Ageism:

There was a general discussion among those present about discrimination in health care against older people. Individuals shared anecdotes and stories. It was agreed that people need to be assertive and advocate for themselves or have someone asking questions and advocating on their behalf.

7. Board Meeting Dates through 2015:

The next meeting is July 8th. There is no meeting in August. The September meeting will be on September 16th, the October meeting is on the 14th, the November meeting is on the 18th and the December meeting is on the 9th.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox