



Watertown Council on Aging

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Director of Senior Services

Minutes of C.O.A. Board Meeting – May 13, 2009

Present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Dottie Fleming, Betty Finnell, Hagop Sarkissian, and Michael Donham.

Members Excused Absence: Marie Morello, Jane Stadolnik, and Will Twombly.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Pat Gold.
2. Members read the April Board meeting minutes. Mike Donham made a motion to approve and Mary Keenan seconded. Passed.
3. Financial Statements:
Board members reviewed the financial statements for the previous month. Caryl Fox noted that many of the line items will be further spent down on needed services and supplies before the end of the fiscal year. Mary Keenan made a motion to approve and Mike Donham seconded. Passed.
4. Correspondence:
 - a. We received a card congratulating us on the Yard Sale.
 - b. We were thanked for providing a Property Tax Work-off person to help in the Treasurer's Department.
 - c. The Marshall Home Fund notified the COA that we have received three grant awards.
 - d. The date for the FY '10 COA Budget hearing will be on June 4, 2009.
 - e. The Springwell barbecue for Watertown will be at 55 Waverly Ave. on July 8, 2009.
 - f. A brochure is available at the Senior Center on the Economic Recovery Package for seniors.
 - g. Caryl Fox had a copy of President Obama's Older American Month proclamation.
5. Staff Reports:
Caryl Fox highlighted areas from the three staff reports. The Fuel Assistance application period has been extended to mid-May. The AARP tax season ended last month with one hundred and three appointments for assistance. The Shuttle bus will take seniors to the June 6, 2009 Founder's Day event if requested. Lectures in April included a historical society talk and a visit to the Fowle House, a travel lecture with photographs, and a financial planning mini-course. The reports were accepted by acclamation.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Springwell Update:
The potential budget cuts for Springwell and other home care agencies in the FY '10 state budget are being monitored closely. Springwell continues to have a "triage" system for intake of new clients.
 - b. Yard Sale Update:
The event was a success with more than two thousand two hundred dollars raised for the Revolving Fund – our highest total to date. Staff and volunteers all helped with set-up, the sale itself, and with clean-up. Seniors really enjoyed the day and the sale, which involves people of all ages.

c. FY '10 Budget Update:

The level dollar budget has been recommended by the Town Manager for all departments. At the COA budget presentation on June 4, 2009, Caryl Fox will highlight the importance of the services and programs that we provide.

7. New Business:

a. Community Service Award:

We are looking for a Watertown resident who is an example of excellent volunteer service within the community. The award is given every year in memory of a long-time COA Board member, Lucy Nargozian. Board members can suggest potential recipients and give their names to Caryl Fox. The award will be given at the June 12, 2009 party.

b. Member's List:

Mary Keenan asked for an updated list of COA Board members addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox