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Regular Meeting of the Council on Aging

June 27, 2002

MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Murray, Mary Dodge, Mildred Hurd, Harry McCabe and Shirley Chapski.

Members Absent: Robert Bowes and Dorothy Nicholas

Others Present: John Jope, COA Executive Director, and Gloria von Hyeburg, ASA President

Quorum Identification/Call to Order: Richard Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Shirley Chapski kept the minutes. A quorum of 5 was present.

Minutes of the May 16, 2002 Meeting: Harry moved to receive the minutes of the May 16, 2002 meeting; Mary seconded; all in favor. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes for purposes of discussion. The following corrections were made: p. 2, Par. 4, line 2: delete comma after the words "each fiscal year" and on p. 2, Par. 5, line 3 change the word "corrected" to "amended." Shirley moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mary seconded. All in favor.

Harry moved to adjourn; the motion was not seconded. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{REPORTS}}$

Dental Care Program Funding: At the request of the Board at last month's meeting, John and Teri Susi worked together and submitted a revised program entitled "Dental Care Subsidy Pilot Program." Discussion followed on certain points of the document; namely, co-payment and cap per client.

Harry moved that the Dental Subsidy Pilot Program be tabled until the first meeting in the fall; Mildred seconded. Richard polled the board; there were 2 votes in favor of tabling until the fall; 3 votes against. Motion not carried.

Richard passed the gavel to Mary. Richard moved that three members from the Sevoyan Bequest Committee (SBC) work with John by the end of July to come up with a plan to submit to this Board by September 19. After further debate, Richard withdrew the motion.

It was then agreed that the SBC will meet in a Working Session with John on July 9 at 7:30 and that the Sevoyan Bequest Committee will meet on July 18 at 7:30 within a Special Meeting of the COA Board. John will post notice of the meetings.

Mary returned the gavel to Richard.

Executive Director's Report

•Financial Report: John pointed out inconsistencies in the salaries line

and underdrawn the municipal account. This discrepancy has been corrected. Richard suggested that the matter be referred to the COA Finance Committee.

•Gift Fund: Harvard Divinity School grant — John will use that money next year because he has arranged for a divinity student in September and, because we will be considered a Work Study site, it will cost us only \$750 for 400 hours of a student's time. John also gave an explanation of May expenses in the Gift Fund.

•Charles Sevoyan Charitable Trust. \$10,000 has been withdrawn from this fund and deposited in the Charles Sevoyan/Council on Aging Scholarship fund. Harry pointed out that the \$10,000 has not been spent, but has been moved into a special column and only the interest earned is what is spent on scholarship awards.

•Senior Aide: In accordance with employment policy of National Council of Senior Citizens, Title V Personnel, Katherine Lehane will be leaving our employ. John has been working with Gene of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services and a new senior aide will be starting shortly.

•Minuteman Nutrition Program: We have been notified by their Director that they will not be renewing the Memorandum of Understanding which expires 9/30/02 to transport their clients to the Senior Center Meal Site. After Sept. 30 clients will pay us directly for such transportation.

John will meet with Marge Scott in August and prepare memo to clients of the change

•Lynne McCluskey, Transportation/Volunteer Coordinator: Lynne has filed for disability retirement. Patsy Kraemer has circulated a notice to the COA board and staff of this change.

•Local Aid to Councils on Aging: Elder Affairs formula grant money for FY03 has been reduced once but the possibility of a second reduction failed. Arlington COA will be getting \$43,000.

COA Representative to Minuteman Senior Services: Mildred said she had no report at this time.

COA Representative to the ASA: No report. The next meeting of the COA Board is in August.

ASA Representative to COA: Gloria von Hyeburg said she and John have been working together for the good of the seniors and feels they have been successful in this endeavor.

Recess: At 8:55 pm, Harry moved to recess for a meeting of the Sevoyan Bequest Committee; Mary seconded; all in favor.

At 9:00 p.m. Richard declared the COA meeting back in session.

NEW BUSINESS

July and August COA Regular Meetings: Mary moved not to hold regular meetings in July and August; Mildred seconded; four in favor; one against.

Town Day: Plans for Town Day, September 14, were discussed and John distributed a notice from the Town concerning booths and displays. A sign-up sheet was started for volunteers and Shirley, Mildred and Mary signed up promptly to man the table on the avenue. John will coordinate the volunteers. Harry offered to be inside the Center.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mary moved to adjourn; Shirley seconded. All in favor.

Adjourned at 920 p.m.

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