

Arlington Council on Aging Meeting Minutes June 18, 2015

Present: Mara Klein Collins, Jim Munsey, Noreen Murphy, Dick Phelps, Paul Raia, and Marge Vanderhill.

Associate members present: Karen Nichols and Ann Fitzgerald

Absent: Sue Culhane, Annette Bender, Ingeborg Reichenbach

I. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order at 5:50PM on June 18, 2015, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA.

II. Citizen's Open Forum: No one present.

III. Marge Vanderhill submitted minutes from the May 21, 2015, meeting. It was voted to approve the minutes.

IV. Report of the Chair

A. Mara and Susan Carp have been working on reformatting the Senior Notes newsletter. The calendar has been eliminated with a table of contents on the cover. "Arlington Senior Center Newsletter" was suggested as a possible name. The ASA distributes the newsletter, and Susan does spot marketing at doctors' offices, churches, and banks, etc. The newsletter is also available online at the COA and Friends websites and is published by Liturgical Press.

B. Mara has been attending the ASA meetings as the COA representative. Other COA members are asked to attend if possible. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, at 1:00PM.

C. Mara has reached out to the Friends of Arlington COA new president, Ken Greely, but has had a lukewarm response. Art Budnik recommended phoning them.

D. Jim and Mara met to map out a strategy for next year. It was recommended funding be consolidated to support Susan's program. Another goal is to solidify the COA's relationship with the Selectmen and FinCom. It was suggested three committees be formed within the

Board. The committees would work to clarify COA objectives, promote networking, and decide what to achieve and how best to do it. Ann Fitzgerald offered to be on the FINCOM and Jim volunteered to be on another.

V. Executive Director's Report

A. Susan reported that the Senior Center is strapped for staffing due to illness. Volunteers are needed to cover areas Susan deems necessary.

B. The Transportation dept. is stretched with Donald's illness. Jim has been driving the van. Donald has been released from the hospital and is at home resting.

C. The ED is working on submitting a feasibility study on the Senior Center as requested by Fin Comm. This includes either a reworking of this building or a new intergenerational center.

VI. Other Reports

A. Minuteman Senior Services liaison: no report from Bob Tosi.

B. Friends of the COA

1. Art Budnik invited the Board to a barbecue at Brightview from 11AM to 2PM on Saturday, June 20. Please arrive at 10:30AM if you are volunteering. Paul Raia and Ann Fitzgerald said they would attend.
2. Ann thanked the Friends for their funding and support of the COA. Jim acknowledged Art's extraordinary contribution to the Friends.
3. The Friends asked for support and volunteers for Town Day on September 12 and the race on September 27.

VII. New Business—none

VIII. Old Business

A. Vision 20/20: no report from Paul Raia.

B. Jill Greenlee will join the Board as a new member following the confirmation process. She is a political science professor at Brandeis University and interested in aging policy issues. Thank you to Annette Bender and Ingeborg Reichenbach, retiring Board members.

IX. Other Business: Kudos to Susan who received the “Innovator of the Year” award for her work on the Elder Abuse Task Force.

X. Adjourned at 7:14PM