

## Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting

March 4, 2013

**Members Present:** Mildred Wells, Carl Flowers, Fran Goldbach, George Faircloth, Vera Strickland, Maydelle Gamester, Charlotte Carkin and Marie Melican Guest, Mark Haddad, Suzanne Lovering, and Peter Cunningham

Excused: Ed Wenzell

**Staff Members Present:** Martha Campbell, Bethany Loveless and Stacey Shepard Jones

**Open Meeting:** Chairperson, Fran Goldbach, opened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting were read by Marie Melican.

Note: A motion to not read the minutes each month at the meeting was voted on. A Motion to approve by George Faircloth , seconded by Marie Melican. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl Flowers reported the following balances:

Gift Fund: \$ 4,432.88

Veteran's Gift Account: \$ 974.99

Trust Fund: \$ 900.00

Motion to accept made by Fran Goldbach, seconded by George Faircloth . Unanimously approved.

### **Outreach:**

**TRIAD** meeting was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> several residents were discussed and home health services were recommended.

**Lifeline Medical Alert:** I am looking for a donation to get a Life Alert System for a low income senior.

**Street Captains Sub-Committee:** The Street Captain's sub-committee met on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Officer Kevin Henahan is going to arrange a meeting with Dunstable Police Chief. This informational meeting we give us a better understanding on how the process of street captains work in Dunstable.

**Fuel Assistance:** Fuel assistance applications are still being accepted. A \$300 check was sent by "The Friends of the Groton Elders" to help to defray the cost of fuel to a resident in Groton.

**Home Visits:** I made three home visits this month to seniors that are unable to travel to the senior center

Motion to accept made by Millie Wells, seconded by Maydelle Gamester. Unanimously approved.

### **Activity/Volunteer Report**

**Nashoba Culinary Students:** The Nashoba Tech luncheon was followed by genealogist, Carol Conroy. 32 people attended. The next luncheon will be March 13th with a lecture from Nashoba Nursing and Hospice.

**Women's Club:** The Women's Club serves a monthly luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Next luncheon is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment: Singing State Trooper, Dan Clark.

**Veteran's Breakfast:** 22 seniors attended. Chief Donald Palma and other department heads prepared and served the breakfast. Next breakfast March 11th @ 10:00 am.

**Day Trip:** To RI Flower Show. Curmudgeon and Friends trip. 14 people enjoyed the trip. Next trip TBA.

**Mashantucket Pequot Museum Trip: Curmudgeon and Friends,** Day trip to this Native American museum in CT. Built in 1998 it is a sprawling complex with many life sized exhibits. Motion to accept made by Vera Strickland, seconded by Charolette Carkin. Unanimously approved.

**L. E.P.C. Report:** Held in the month of February and the next meeting will be in March. TBA Motion to accept made by Maydelle Gamester, seconded by Millie Wells. Unanimously approved.

**Director's Report:**

**Martha's Retirement date:** April 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of employment. I have pushed the date up from June, because I will complete my 11<sup>th</sup> year on April 8, 2013.

**Van Transportation:** The van ridership has increased, and we are doing our best to meet the needs for ridership.

**Emergency Preparedness:** With all the storms, Stacey has been very busy up-dating the list for Chief Palma. Seniors are very grateful to receive phone calls to see if they are okay. The "Are You Okay" automated call system will be installed soon compliments of the police department. This system will call homebound seniors daily to check in. If they do not answer the phone after two attempts, a police car will go to their homes and do a "wellness check".

Motion to accept the Director's report was made by Fran Goldbach, seconded by Marie Melican Unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

Accreditation Up-date

AARP Tax Prep

Street Captains

Motion to accept Old Business Report was made by Carl Flowers, seconded by George Faircloth, and unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

AARP adding a day for tax preparation

Successful intergenerational program

Street Captains Committee report

Fuel assistance April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Retirement date for Director-discussion

Motion to accept the New Business portion of the Director's report was made by Marie Melican and, seconded by Charlotte Carkin and unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Marie Melican to end the meeting 10:45 am and seconded by Vera Strickland

Respectfully submitted,

Martha A. Campbell/Marie Melican

COA Director

Attachments: Senior Soundings–March