

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting

April 1, 2013

Members Present: Mildred Wells, Carl Flowers, Fran Goldbach, George Faircloth, Vera Strickland, Maydelle Gamester, Charlotte Carkin, Ed Wenzell, and Marie Melican

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

Open Meeting: Chairperson, Fran Goldbach, opened the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting were approved. A Motion to approve by George Faircloth, seconded by Ed Wenzell. Unanimously approved.

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

Gift Fund:	\$ 4,507.88
Veteran's Gift Account:	\$ 974.99
Trust Fund:	\$ 265.00

Motion to accept made by Carl Flowers, seconded by Millie Wells. Unanimously approved.

Outreach:

TRIAD meeting was held on March 20th. Update of emergency preparedness list was distributed. There was a discussion of seniors and non-senior residents in need. Continue to seek funds for a senior who needs a Lifeline Medical Alert System.

Street Captains Sub-Committee: The Street Captain's sub-committee will meet on Wednesday, April 17th. Officer Kevin Henahan will meet with Dunstable Police Chief to discuss the Street Captain's program in Dunstable.

Loaves and Fishes: We are now an official donation drop-off site for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. I have spoken to the Women's Club, and we are in agreement to collect items for Loaves and Fishes at their luncheon.

Fuel Assistance: Stacey has worked with two residents to complete applications for fuel assistance and SNAP. The Friends of the Groton Elders fuel assistance account balance is \$6,250.00

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, Vera Strickland, seconded by Maydelle Gamester. Unanimously approved.

Activity/Volunteer Report

Fire House Chili & Fire Dept. Presentation: 34 people attended. Chili was excellent and Chief Joe's Presentation was very informative

Women's Club: Over 100 meals were served at the St. Patrick's event. Dan Clark, The Singing State Trooper, was wonderful.

Zumba Gold and Country Line Dancing: These new programs start on April 18th. Zumba (5-5:45 PM) and Line Dancing (6-7:00 PM).

Boat Bum Talk: Local author, Richard Meibers, talked about his book “Boat Bums” a story about his chronicling the lives of those who choose to leave society and live on sailboats in the Caribbean

Nashoba Tech Lunch and Haiti Orphanage Talk: Kathy DiCicco will present the story of the Orphanage in Haiti her family has built in memory of her granddaughter who died in the 2010 earthquake there.

Motion to accept made by, Millie Wells, seconded by Charlotte Carkin. Unanimously approved.

L. E.P.C. Report: March meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be April 17th at the public safety building.

Motion to accept made by Maydelle Gamester, seconded by Marie Melican. Unanimously approved.

Director’s Report:

Accreditation Process: The target date to mail is April 29th. If the new Director has questions, I will be a phone call away.

Martha’s Retirement: I am putting together a packet for the new Director. It will be a daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly outline. I will also offer me time, if needed.

Building Use: The policy for rentals reads no fundraising or promotional lectures. All non-profits local groups may use the building free of charge if available. For all others the fee is \$ 75.00 per hour.

New Volunteers: A young special needs adult will be volunteering to bake cookies for our MOW Clients. She and her aide will come in on Tuesdays to use our kitchen.

Gay 90’s Celebration: The celebration will take place on May 15th. Bethany will get the list of 90’s and above from the Town Clerk’s office. Invitations will be sent out on May 1st.

Motion is accept made by Fran Goldbach, seconded by Carl Flowers. Unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Marie Melican to end the meeting 10:45 a.m. and seconded by Vera Strickland. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha A. Campbell/Marie Melican
COA Director
Attachments: Senior Soundings–April

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