

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting

May 5, 2014

Members Present Fran Goldbach, Carl Flowers, George Faircloth, Maydelle Gamester, Marie Melican, and Mildred Wells.

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones, Stephanie St Germain

Open Meeting: Fran Goldbach called the meeting to order 9:30am

Minutes: Marie Melican presented the minutes of the March meeting. George Faircloth made a motion to accept and Fran Goldbach seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report Carl Flower presented the treasure's report. :

Veterans Account: \$1,216.17

Gift Fund: \$6,323.45

Trust Fund: \$50

A motion to accept the report was made by Fran Goldbach and seconded by Marie Melican. Unanimously approved.

Outreach Report: Stacey Shepard Jones

- Catholic Heart Work Camp will be here June 30 – July 3, applications are still being accepted. A letter to the editor has been sent to build awareness
- Farmers Market Coupons will be available in July

Activity/Volunteer Report: Stephanie St Germain

- COA participating with Littleton schools with one of our members reading a poem to a classroom over a SKYPE broadcast. It was very well received with the students and we felt as if it broke some senior stereotypes. We will work to create this program with a Groton classroom this fall.
Group discussed re-establishing our relationship with the high school with students serving on our board.

Director's Report: Kathy Shelp

- 3rd quarter participation report: We had 297 seniors participate 2,126 times. This number is down approximately 15% from the third quarter of FY14.
- Year to Date we have had 681 seniors participate 10,165 times, this is an increase of approximately 15% for the same time period FY14
- Our garden is continuing to grow. Special thank you to the Groton Police Department for the donation of our planters and their time to build them, Quintent Shea for rototilling the garden, Trina Walsh for her garden preparation work and to Tome Delany for the compost.

A motion to accept staff reports was made by Fran Goldback and seconded by Maydelle Gamester. Unanimously approved.

Nomination Committee

Fran Goldbach presented the nominations as determined by the nomination committee:

Chair: Maydelle Gamester
Treasurer: George Faircloth
Director: Gail Chalmers (term #1)
Ellen Baxendale (term #1)
Vera Strickland (term #2)

A motion to accept the nominees was made by Fran Goldbach, seconded by Millie Wells and unanimously approved.

Stacey reported her research into the You're OK program. It was decided to form a committee to work to bring the program to Groton. George Faircloth with contact Chief Palma and other communities where this has been successful.

A motion to close (11:00AM) the meeting was made by Millie Wells and seconded by Fran Goldbach. Unanimously approved.