

Minutes from the Groton Council on Aging Board Meeting
October 5, 2015

Members Present: Marie Melican, George Faircloth, Ed Wenzell, Richard Marton, Charlotte Carkin

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones

Others Present: Open Meeting: Meeting called to order by Marie Melican, 9:30am

Minutes: August Minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept with the following corrections; George Faircloth name correction, time of next meeting correct to 9:30 not 10:30 was called by George Faircloth, 2nd by Marie Melican . All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: A new financial report was presented by the Treasurer which includes a listing of all expenditures with a brief explanation of each. This met with the board's approval. A motion was made by Marie Melican and 2nd by Eddie Wenzell. Unanimous approval.

Stacey Shepard-Jones Outreach Coordinator.

- Additional Fuel Assistance balance is \$20,651.58
- To date 6 seniors have completed fuel assistance applications
- 22 Farmers Market Coupons were distributed.
- Emergency Preparedness forms will be distributed through the census this year to try to reach more people and to reach the adult children of at risk residents.

Kathy Santiago-Activities/Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy Santiago was not present.

- September 11 Memorial attended by 70.
- Women's Club and Nashoba Tech Luncheons are back for the year.
- Walking group is in place and going well. T/TH at Twomey Center
- Theorem Painting is being taught by Peg McWade and is full. This program is also sponsored by The Friends of Groton Elders.
- There will be a CPR course offered at the Fire Station for seniors.
- GRSC will be presenting a class on Phones and electronic gadgets.

Director's report, Kathy Shelp:

- Staff will be attending MCOA conference in Sturbridge October 7 and 8. Building will close at 12pm those days with volunteer coverage in the AM.
- Kathy took three Groton residents to the Commonwealth Museum for a Senior Art Show sponsored by the state. All three women, Peg McWade, Barbara Badstubner, and Shirley Man. Barbara and Peg received an honorable mention and Shirley received a first place award.
- Gibbet Hill Thanksgiving tickets will be available November 2
- The Fall program book is at the printer and will be available very soon.
- Kathy will be a guest at the GPL Lifelong Learning seminar Mortal Matters, speaking on long term care.
- Continuing with data gathering for COA needs assessment Kathy met with Groton's Interfaith Council and Kathy and Stacey met with the Directors at Groton Commons and Petapaque.
- We are interviewing for a part time van driver due to the retirement of Hal Burnett.
- Kathy requested the trip policy be changed to include volunteers of the COA with Groton residents on the early sign-up dates. The Board unanimously agreed.

Motion to accept Directors report by George Faircloth, 2nd by Marie Melican, unanimously approved.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Eddie Wenzell, 2nd by George Faircloth . All unanimous approval accepted.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:30am

Respectfully Submitted by

Kathy Shelp, Director COA