

Minutes from the Council On Aging
Board Meeting
January 29, 2018

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Jean Sheedy,
Richard Marton, Ed Wenzell, Ellen Baxendale,
Peter Cunningham, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones
Others Present: Marlana Gilbert - Lison School Committee

Open Meeting: Richard Marton called the meeting
to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 18
meeting were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz
They were reviewed and a motion to accept
was made by Peter Cunningham, 2nd by
Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy explained about residents
giving financial gifts to the COA. The Groton
Elders will be meeting on Thursday.

School Committee Report: Marlana said there
will be a feasibility study done concerning
the Florence Roche School. She also reported
there was an independant study was done
on both Groton and Dunstable school
budgets. Marlana is meeting soon with the
Dunstable School Department to discuss the
possibility of joining with Groton.

Director's and Activities/Volunteer Report:

Peter spoke about the Building Committee and the new construction. The architect is working on coming up with a budget to be presented at Town Meeting. There is a possibility of donations from the public sector to offset cost of the project. He is optimistic about gaining good support going forward.

Kathy spoke about Josh Degan and his wife's wonderful presentation about their volunteer work.

We now have a new van driver. February 23, is the day for van driving training.

Kathy also mentioned the Lock-Box Key program. She requested the Board for approval to purchase 10 boxes for residents to obtain a lock-box from the C.O.F. A motion to purchase the boxes was made by Norma Garvin, 2nd by Ellen Baxendale. All unanimous approval accepted.

Kathy would like to expand the New Year's Eve program this year. Helen spoke about the lovely visit the Seniors had at the G/D High School. Lots of fun was had along with a delicious lunch. Matter of Balance program going well. The Thursday morning Musical movies also going well. Veteran's Breakfast was cancelled due to weather.

If the request for Town approval of the new C.O.A. should pass, the question of where we will relocate, has not been determined. Kathy is not sure where we will be.

Outreach Report: Stacey reported that Winpoint has donated \$4000 to the C.O.A., along with \$1000 from an anonymous source. Three folks have applied for food stamps. Stacey explained other ways to receive assistance.

Next meeting will be held on February 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to accept Director's and Staff Reports was made by Norma Garvin, 2nd by Peter Cunningham. All unanimous approval accepted.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Ed Wenzell, 2nd by Norma Garvin. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Stenkiewicz
Secretary
Groton Council On Aging
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