

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging  
Board Meeting  
March 18, 2019

Members Present: Norma Garvin, Gail Chalmers,  
Richard Marton, Paula Martin, Jean Sheedy,  
Sheila Nash, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones,  
Kathy Santiago

Others Present: Martena Gilbert-Liaison School Committee

Gail called the meeting to order at 12:56 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 19 meeting were presented by Helen Sienkiewicz. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Paula, 2nd by Jean. All unanimous approval accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Shelp reviewed and explained the report.

School Committee Report: Martena spoke of the School Committee's approval of a budget of 77% to 23%. There have been discussions concerning a possible new location of the Flo Ro school. A feasibility study will be done. Martena did a walk through at Flo Ro and it was not in good shape.

Director's Report: Kathy suggested that we donate a fee to the Peter Twomey Center in recognition of us using the Center for pickleball. The motion to donate was made

by Norma, 2nd by Richard. All unanimous approval accepted. We voted to donate a sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Center. The stop work order at our new Center is over. So, construction is moving forward. Kathy asked for consideration to have a washer and dryer in the new Center. It was approved.

Outreach Program: Stacey spoke about a four week course she attended concerning elder isolation. She hopes to establish a program along these lines to start to include some elders to join in activities where they will feel comfortable.

Activities / Volunteer Program: Swimming program is over for the season. The COA is looking for a new van driver. There was a van trip to visit Ellen Baxendale. She looked wonderful. The Great Courses program was successful.

Motion to accept Director's and Staff reports was made by Paula, 2nd by Norma. All unanimous approval accepted.

Next meeting will be held on April 22.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jean, 2nd by Norma. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Helen Sienkiewicz,  
Secretary

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