



**Regular meeting minutes of the
Council on Aging Board**

Date: 2/12/2020

Place: Senior Center

Room: B07

75 Groton Road, No. Chelmsford, MA 01824

Members Present: Fred Brusseau, Paul Der Ananian, Mary Gibson, Jennifer Hardy, Ruth l'Anson, Louise Myers, Ami O'Grady, Len Olenchak, Debi Siriani, Anne Smith, Dianne Sperry

Members Absent: Diane Boisvert, Jan Mounsey

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Steve Flynn resigned from the COA Board due to health reasons. Fred Brusseau will talk to Jan Mounsey, current associate member, to see if she wants to assume Steve's unfinished term.
- Debi Siriani will appear before the Finance Committee on Feb. 13. Expecting approval on flat operating budget. Also expecting approval of change in job description and level for Elena Dear.
- Our full-time custodian has resigned. The HR person responsible for posting jobs is on vacation, which is slowing the replacement process, but Debi is using part-time custodians to fill in during the interim.
- Debi Siriani presented a diagram of funding sources for the Senior Center. Many questions and suggestions resulted.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- On Capitol Hill bill to enable lower drug prices has stalled in the house.
- On Beacon Hill, a bill for giving caregivers a tax credit is pending approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

- Steve Flynn was chair of the building committee; with his resignation, Fred asked for a volunteer to lead the committee. Contact him if interested.
- Electronic doors are wearing out. Debi Siriani is using the revolving fund to pay for them one or two at a time.

Program Committee

The Committee will be meeting on Feb. 13. Questions were raised about how a program is introduced to the Center.

FRIENDS UPDATE

- No dance in January.
- Treasure Shop continues to generate significant funds. Calendar raffle netted over \$4500.
- The Friends continue to look for new ways to generate funds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Master Plan survey is available. Fred Brusseau encouraged everyone on the board to complete it and encourage others to do it. Copies are available at the Center.
- Board memberships expiring in June: Louise Myers, Anne Smith, Ami O'Grady, and Jennifer Hardy.
- New associate board members needed. Fred suggested a presence at the town's upcoming Volunteer Fair.

NEXT MEETING: WED., March 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ruth I'Anson, Recording Secretary