

Harvard Council on Aging  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
Hildreth House

Present: Beth Williams, Bruce Dolimount, Carl Sciple, Carol Lee Tonge, Chet Hooper, Fran Maiore, Guy Oliva, Lynne Musto-Pesa, COA Director Debbie Thompson, recorder/alternate Connie Larrabee, FCOA member Barbara Cerva

Absent: Cathy Walker

The meeting was convened at 4 p.m.

The minutes of the January 21, 2019 board meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report - Bruce Dolimount**

The account balances are as follows:

Revolving Funds	\$ 7,957.73
MART	\$20,897.14
Payroll	\$ 61,468.20
Gift account	\$ 88,495.41 (\$7,000 reserved for kitchen)
Formula grant	\$ 8,973.24
New van costs	\$17,999.84

**Director's Report - Debbie Thompson**

In February the outreach team has worked with 49 individuals, with phone calls and home visits.

The COA's monthly Veterans Café is off to a great start. A dozen vets attended this month, along with Veterans Agent Mike Detillion.

The new Story Slam program is also very popular and Carlene Phillips is doing a great job writing up the stories for the Press. The new van had its first oil change at the DPW, which cost just \$22.

The town's dispute with MART over alleged damage to the van is now in the hands of town counsel. Town officials would like to find a way to sever all ties with MART.

A few Bromfield students decorated Hildreth House for our Valentine party.

**COMING EVENTS:**

Monday, Feb.24 Phase 2 presentation, 9:30 a.m. at St. Theresa's

Thursday, Feb. 27 Message with Roxy

Tuesday, March 3 Floral arranging 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10 Vet Café 9 a.m., Story Slam 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 St. Patrick's Day luncheon at St. Theresa's

**Public Comment:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Phase 2 Hildreth House – Guy Oliva**

The Select Board voted 3-2 not to put a request for a connector between Hildreth House and the new building on the Spring Town Meeting warrant. As far as we know, the COA's request for the new building itself will be on the warrant. The Select Board has not yet voted its recommendations.

Guy, Beth, and Debbie will do a Phase 2 presentation at the combined Woman's Club/Garden Club meeting Feb.24 at St. Theresa's.

On March 12 there will be a presentation at the Lions Club meeting.

Beth took drawings of the project to the Feb.8 Volunteer Fair and said most comments were positive.

**Friends of the Council on Aging – Barbara Cerva**

The FCOA has elected new officers for the coming year:

Co-chairs: Sue Barber, Sharon Briggs, Heidi Siegrist

Treasurer: Hank Fitek

**Programs – Carol Lee Tonge**

In addition to the April 1 program on Clutter Control, the COA will sponsor a visit by Congresswoman Lori Trahan on April 8. The program will concern the impact of prescription drug legislation on seniors. It will be held in upper Town Hall.

A program on making plans for pet care if you are incapacitated will be scheduled for later, possibly sometime in May.

**Buildings and Grounds – Bruce Dolimount**

The sidewalk along the driveway has not been shoveled all winter and walking is sometimes treacherous. We need to come up with a solution before somebody gets hurt.

**New Business**

An all-boards meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb.29 at 9 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the COA Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Larrabee, recorder

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