

# LANCASTER COA MINUTES

January 18, 2017

**Attendees:** Alexandra Turner (Director), David James (Friends), Jay Moody, Jo-Agnes Santangelo, Nicole Kanis, Michele Macdonald, Judi MacLean, Michelle Jones, Sheila Casey (NM), Karen Hamilton (NM), Beverly Fiske (NM).

**Review of Minutes:** December minutes approved.

**Friends Update:** David reported that last year Friends took in \$14,042.00 and spent \$11,681.00. \$3,000.00 was for our Community Service Liaison. Friends has raised almost \$50,000.00 in four years. As of today, \$10,861.00 is our account balance.

Alix said that she'd like to see Friends set up a structure to recruit, organize and train volunteers. She'd like to see Friends organize fundraisers. David agrees and will investigate whether the state requires permits for raffles.

**Director's Update:** Programming – Nicole mentioned the Spring Fling event, its success and how much she enjoyed it. Others agreed. Then Nicole, Judie and Michele volunteered to work together as a committee to plan a COA sponsored Spring Fling. After much deliberation, the evening of Friday April 7, 2017 was chosen as the date. We'd hold it here in the Lancaster Community Center, upstairs. Doors would open at 5:00PM, appetizers served and a meal served at 6:00PM. David asked what role Friends would play at this event. Selling beer and wine was suggested. The Spring Fling Committee will look into ticket pricing and submit the notice for it next week in time for the February newsletter.

Judi asked why more trips are not scheduled for this winter. Alix responded that our MART contract is in negotiation at the present time and it would be expensive to hire a MART van for a trip right now.

However The Consignment Crawl trip is on for January 27, 2017. We'll shop in Marlboro, Maynard and Sudbury with lunch at Funky Murphy's. Cost is \$7.00.

Alix spoke about a program run in conjunction with River Terrace called Country Heat Fitness Challenge. This would start February 27, 2017. Cost is \$70.00 for 7 classes. Those interested would register ahead of time (with Melissa). If space permits, registration would be available at the door.

We're starting a new yoga class – Yoga for Arthritis. Nicole spoke about the program with respect to digital technology for caregivers starting in April, which she will help present.

Pickleball is off the charts! We have eleven blocks of time. There are different levels: Open, Competitive and Reserved. We're also making money on it.

Alix will be getting together with Judi and Bev to plan additional trips. Karen mentioned how much she enjoyed the van trip out to see Christmas lights.

**Community Service Liaison:** Marilyn is in Florida taking care of her mother. One of Marilyn's priorities is meeting with town departments. She has already met with some.

**Personnel:** Christa, our new Recreation Director, stopped by and was introduced. We have a new van driver – Jim Peters.

**Budget:** Alix will meet with the Finance Committee to discuss the MART contract.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Jay reported that he is getting prices from electricians for renovations. The Prescott Building renovation will impact parking land movement around the Lancaster Community Center for a long time!  
RUOK is in place.

**Priorities:** One of Alix's program goals is getting the message out to the community about the importance of Personal Emergency Response System for seniors.

**Photo IDs:** Alix showed a few examples of Lancaster Community Center Staff photo IDs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Casey