

COA minutes , May 25, 2018

Attendees: Alexandra Turner, David James (Friends), Beverly Fiske (Friends), Jay Moody (Chair), Frank MacGrory, Jo-Agnes Santangelo, Michele Macdonald.

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m.

Approval of amended minutes for meeting of December 17, 2017. Michele made motion to approve, seconded by Jay. Accepted 4-0. Motion to approve minutes from April 18, 2018 made by Michele, seconded by Jo-Agnes. Minutes approved 4-0.

Recent COA Meetings have had a problem with quorums. It was suggested that email reminders are sent out before each meeting. Frank will be called with a meeting reminder.

Friends Update: the current balance in the Friends checking account is \$16,134.39. \$5000.00 is allocated to fitness and exercise. The account is up \$2000.00 so far this year. David has not been able to ask connect with the appropriate person at River Terrace concerning their support of funds collected from the pancake breakfast.

Sub committee updates: a survey still needs to be done. No quorum will be needed on a subcommittee.

There is much medical equipment on hand. Orlando has indicated that he will take the equipment. Jay wants to move the items due to the accumulated number and the need for more space in the building.

14 people attended the AARP drivers meeting. Everyone including the instructor enjoyed the presentation and felt that should be offered again.

Bev and Deb gave their notice in April. Their last day was Thursday, May 24, 2018. Tracy at MOC is to hire the new meal site coordinator. 10 to 14 people attend lunch on a daily basis. Additionally 29 meals on wheels are packaged for residents in both Lancaster and Bolton. Deb has agreed to work on May 29. There was no one in place pass this date.

AARP tax preparers: this past year David James volunteered as a tax preparer. AARP will train additional people in the fall. Alex will reach out to see if more people are interested in the training.

Directors updates:

The Arnold Arboretum field trip was fun and filled. On June 29 Bev is organizing a Quincy presidential tour.

This year's health fair is to be held October 3. Rite Aid is coming for less time due to staffing issues. Nashoba nursing has also committed to coming.

Marilyn Largey, our community services liaison, has been coming in using a wheelchair due to her recent leg injury.

Orlando is doing project management for the World Farmers kitchen update. \$125,000 is allocated. The work should be completed by June 15.

The summer solstice party is scheduled for June 20. Jo-Agnes, Judie and Michele will meet with Alix as a subcommittee for party planning. The rain date will be June 21. June 19 will be a day for set up. This event is required attendance for all COA members. Tickets will be \$8 for seniors and children and \$10 for all others. VIPs and those who otherwise could not afford tickets will be provided with complimentary tickets. Representative Harold Naughton will attend. David (on behalf of the friends of the Lancaster seniors) has applied for a one day liquor license. The cost is \$25 for the permit and \$245 for the insurance.

Gardening program: the garden program is going well and is very popular. Sandy is doing a great job. Currently a senior tax abatement recipient is helping out.

Motion to adjourn at 10:25 AM was made by Jo-Agnes and seconded by Jay. Passed 4-0.

Our next meeting has been rescheduled to June 27 due to the summer solstice party.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Macdonald