

WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009

Board Members Attending: Roseann Brozenske, Susan Carp, Mary Kelly, Luci Lynch, Cil Moscatiello, and Merle Welsh
Associate Member: Nancy Spofford

Meeting opened at 2:00 by Susan Carp

Minutes of the March 10th meeting were accepted contingent upon confirmation from Mary Kelly regarding the Friends Membership Drive.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Meal Program at Enon Village – This program was started on March 9th, and 170 meals were served during the month. SeniorCare requested that they would like to see at least 15 participants each day, and the average has been 15-20! All meals were paid for. The program may be stopped, or cut back during the summer, (depending on the numbers) in order to be able to continue this service longer in the year. This program has been such a success, the Board agreed it would be great to find a way to continue.

Home Energy Savings Program – A program, hosted by the Mass Municipal Association and co-sponsored by the WCOA, the HW Library and HW Green, was held earlier today. Attendance was low, but the info presented was great. Using money left over from the Fall Energy Fair, the Director purchased foam insulation, (that goes behind outlet covers), and gave these out in addition to CFL Bulbs, that were donated by OSRAM Sylvania last fall.

Prescription Advantage – This program was offered with Brad Hill on April 10th. Unfortunately the turnout was low, perhaps due to Good Friday, or because this program is income based, and seniors are somewhat reluctant to get involved. However, those that did attend seemed very satisfied with the information they received and several stayed afterwards to learn more.

TRIAD – Triad was at Enon Village on St. Patrick's Day and between 15 and 20 people dropped by for free ID Cards, File of Life Cards, and Grab and Go Bags. The COA offered a special luncheon that day and 53 attended. The charge was \$2.50. At least 40 people remained for the Memory Loss Program presented by Northeast Health. Since May is Elder American month, TRIAD will offer a special program on Power of Attorney and Health Proxy Care given by Capt. Jason Ebacher, who is our TRIAD Rep and also an Attorney. This will be held at the Library on Wednesday May 20th at 10:30.

Kite Day – Sandwich Boards and a banner at the Fire Station are in place to advertise this event on Sunday April 26th. Kite building will take place at the Buker School from 10 -11:30 followed by the flying from 12 - 4:00 at Gordon Cornwell Both the Library and the Museum will offer kite related programs during school vacation week as well. The Director gave a special "thank you" to Ed Mulry for his assistance with the signs.

FY 10 Budget - As of now, the COA Expense line will stay the same as this year, however, the salary line will show a 2.5% decrease.

H-W Green – They have come up with the idea of raised garden beds and are hoping seniors will be interested in participating. At the moment they are still looking for available land. It had been hoped the Buker School might be interested in participating in an intergenerational program, but they are not.. Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgren suggested the group get in touch with the H-W Open Land Trust, as they may be interested in having such a program at the Boulders. The Director will keep us posted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Friends - Mary reported that the Friends Annual Meeting will be held on June 6th following the Saturday Coffee. Speaker to be announced.. The May Newsletter will include the Membership list. The Friends Board has two new Members: Jack Hauck and Jackie Getchel. Present Membership of the Friends is 180. . The Quilters continue to make progress on the Town Quilt.

Movies - 12 attended this months showing of Australia. Next month it is hoped to have Slumdog Millionaire. Roseanne noted that the Community House is now also showing movies. There will be films shown in May and June but will take the summer off..

Coffees - There will be no Coffee Hour on May 2nd, due to the Town Election and Town Meeting.

Reminders:

The next scheduled Wellness Clinic will be held on April 22nd from 9:30 – 11:30 to include: Blood Pressure and Sugar Screenings. The Podiatry Clinic will meet the same day.

The next meeting of the History Club will be held on April 30th at 10:00 A.M. Jack Hauck will present The History of Pleasant Pond..

NEW BUSINESS:

The Director stated that she has heard about an E Mail Grant program out of New Mexico, which has \$1000,000 for Senior Transportation. She will consider trying to see if we can apply for some money to offer van services to seniors on weekends trips for shopping, church etc. Seems worth a try.

The Board was also informed we may have first “dibs” on furniture from Mullen, when they close their Wenham office. We would like some easy chairs suitable for an informal lounge area .

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Next Meeting – May 12, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

Lucille Lynch, Secretary