

**WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

Board Members Attending: Roseann Brozenske, Susan Carp, Jean Eddy, Dick Eddy, Luci Lynch, Cil Moscatiello

Associate Member: Nancy Spofford

COA Director: Trudy Reid

Meeting opened at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes of the September 15th Meeting were approved as amended.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

H-W COA Van: The Director reported that she had received a call from the vendor stating the van will be ready in December. The new van is 8 inches longer than the present one, and there is a slight concern this may require changes in the driver's license requirements. After a brief discussion, a majority of the Board was in favor of selling the old van..

Program Recap: Mullen Estate - About 30 attended and enjoyed the tour. The H-W Chronicle did a great follow-up story. History Program - Jack Hauck did a program on Adeline P. Cole at the Senior Center attended by about 20. Koffee Klatch with the Library - The Wii system was demonstrated by the Balance Mobility Center from Gordon College. for 30-35 attendees. At the Library's suggestion, we may work with the HCOA to see if the system could be purchased and used at the Library, since they have a bigger room and screen. Overnight trip - Eight Wenham residents went to the Pocono's with Gateway Travel. We will receive a commission check of around \$300, which will be deposited in the COA Gift Account. Yoga Lessons - This started last week with 7 attending. Senior Expo - This was a huge success, with 5 speakers, and 34 vendors. Over 200 attended.

Upcoming Programs: Jack Hauck will again do a History Program on October 30th called "Wenham Trivia". The next regular Coffee on Nov. 7th will feature author Mike Walling, who has written several books on WW II. He will have some books here to sell, and will offer a small profit back to COA. Stroke Preventopn Program on Tuesday November 17th @ 1:00 P.M. is sponsored by the Wellness Clinic. Long Range Care Insurance - This program will be offered on Thursday, December 17th at 9:30 A.M.

Fall Fling - this is scheduled for November 17th. Invitations will be mailed to all Hamilton and Wenham Seniors. The Hamilton COA is participating this year. Trips - The Director would like to coordinate more trips in 2010, since we do get a commission back from Gateway, it doesn't hurt to try. Technical School Lunch - The Director has contacted the school and is waiting to hear from them on the suggested dates. she submitted.

FY2011 COA BUDGET - This is a work in progress. Anyone with suggestions should contact the Director. She has been informed that the coming year is expected to be a tight money year. During the general discussion of the budget which followed, the subject of Holiday Plant distribution was raised. There is some concern that this may not be the best use of our limited funds. However, the majority of the Board felt that this much loved tradition should be continued .at least for the 2009 season, and reconsidered earlier, in 2010. The Board Voted 5-1 to continue with this program. Jean Eddy agreed to once again chair the effort..

Enon Village Meal Program – SeniorCare has changed vendors for this program. and the Director feels the food is very good, following a recent tasting. However there have been some complaints regarding meals being either late/cold/undercookrd. It is hoped this is just a glitch that will soon be ironed out. The Director will keep in touch with Maggie and SeniorCare to keep updated.

Art Committee - Dorothy DeMark, a friend of the Eddy's, will display her work in November and December. Miranda Updike will show her work during January and February.

COA Friends - The Friends held their 1st quarter meeting Sept. 15th Their Financial asset is just over \$1200. An Enon Village resident requested that the Director ask the Friends to buy a new TV for their Community Room During their discussion it was suggested that we donate the TV from the Center, and purchase a new larger one. A Friend's member offered a TV to Enon Village, but the person who made the original request seems to want only a new flat screen set. Some feel that not many residents watch TV there, in any case. Another request from the Director was a banner to be used outside COA/Friend's events. However, she also asked that this be put on hold, as we have no immediate outdoor events scheduled.

The Friends made \$175 at a bake sale during the Wenham Craft Day in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kite Day - Dick Eddy reported everything is set to hold this event at the Beverly Airport Soccer field, next August., when there will be no school conflicts. The committee is very excited about this new location.

Movies – Roseann stated that the next film would be "The Proposal". This should have local interest, as it was filmed in Rockport, Essex and Gloucester..

OLD BUSINESS:

The Director is concerned about how to continue funding the very successful Enon Village Meal Program. Present funding runs through March. It may not be possible to request another grant from the 1st church . Should we ask the Friends? The Board is requested to be thinking of ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) It was suggested that we give thought to doing some sort of Health and Wellness programs in the future, dealing with nutrition, aging, etc. Teaching and sharing worthwhile information for the benefit of seniors.

(2) A creative writing program called "Love Letters to my Grandchildren" also discussed. We might be able to write a grant for funding. such a venture. The Director thought we might be able to do something along those lines, in conjunction with the school.

(3) There is a possibility we might have the use of a Gordon College Intern to assist or run a program for Seniors. Ideas will be most welcome from the Board.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Next Meeting : November 10. 2009 at 1:30 P.M.

Lucille Lynch, Secretary