

Needham Council on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2014

Present: Dan Goldberg
Eilene Kleiman
Carol deLemos
Colleen Schaller
Phyllis Fanger
Susanne Hughes

Absent: Scott Brightman
Andrea Rae
Ed Cosgrove
Mary Elizabeth Weadock
Roma Jean Brown
Lianne Relich

Staff present: Jamie Brenner Gutner and LaTanya Steele

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

No vote was taken on January minutes due to lack of a quorum.

Chairperson's report: Dedication of the Senior Center, organized by the Friends of Needham Elderly and the Council on Aging Board of Directors, will be held on Sunday, April 6 at 2:30 pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 pm. Invitations will be mailed the week of March 17. Three plaques for significant donors to the Senior Center have been ordered (Needham Bank, Dedham Savings Bank and Denise Garlick). Volunteers from the Board are addressing envelopes.

The piano is at the Center (it is also a player piano) and several boxes of piano rolls will be arriving soon. The piano needs to be tuned. There is a current issue of securing the piano to ensure that no one will be hurt by leaning on the piano or moving it.

Carol deLemos reported that she and others are involved in pursuing art for the walls at the Center. Jamie is working on a policy for those who may want to exhibit artwork at the center.

Colleen announced that the Exchange Club is donating \$10,000 to the Center at the Heights for patio furniture (\$8K) and raised beds for plantings (\$2K). The Board acknowledged that this is a most generous donation to the Center.

Executive Director's report: Jamie reported on SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program), a program geared to assisting a person with re-entering the

work force. This is similar to Project ABLE. This may present an opportunity at the Center.

Jamie has met with the Finance Committee, as well as the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager, over the past months to discuss the budget for FY 15. No significant changes are expected. Jamie hopes that the Center will be fully staffed soon when the vacancy in the social service department is filled.

The **Nominating Committee** to present names for the Chairperson(s) of the COA Board needs to be formed. Colleen is going to see if Andrea Rae and Roma Jean Brown will accept this role.

Staff updates: Susanne Hughes announced that she leaving Springwell at the end of June.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Goldberg and seconded by Susanne Hughes. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.