

NEEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

May 21, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Carol deLemos, Monica Graham, Susanne Hughes, Phyllis Fanger, Ed Cosgrove, Penny Grossman, Dan Goldberg, Tom Keating, Lianne Relich

Not Present: Eilene Kleiman, Colleen Schaller, Scott Brightman

Staff: Jamie Brenner Gutner, LaTanya Steele,

Convene: 6:00pm - The Center at the Heights, 300 Hillside Ave

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm Carol deLemos ,Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

APPROVE MINUTES: Minutes of April 9, 2015 meeting approved. Ed Cosgrove moved to approve and Lianne Relich seconded the motion. MOTION approved by unanimous vote with three abstentions.

CHAIR REPORT: Discussion followed regarding the Massachusetts Council on Aging invitation to join the Regional Webinar. The Board expressed appreciation of inclusion. A discussion also followed regarding the plantings on the roof garden. Three pots are to include blue spruce, vinca and ivy geraniums.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT: The Board again expressed their appreciation and approval of the extensive update of the report. Dorene Nemeth has left the position as Director, MetroWest SHINE Program. Dorene has been nominated and has received the MCOA "Advocate of the Year" Award. The COA Board expressed congratulations to Dorene upon receiving the prestigious award. Dorene has agreed to remain in a support position to the new director as necessary.

Jamie was pleased to announce that Kathy Worchach, the Assistant SHINE Program Coordinator, has accepted the position as Director of the SHINE Program. The Board expressed congratulations to Kathy.

It was reported that Town Meeting voted for approval of an Administrative staff position for the division. Also there was discussion or the possibility of evening programs, preferably Mondays and Wednesdays. The emphasis of the programs would be to those ages 60+. It was noted that the population numbers in Needham currently exceed the population of school aged children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Project: Secure Funding for Fitness Center Operations – Penny Grossman

Foundation support can leverage other sources of funding. Unfortunately, many foundations have requirements that this project does not meet. Some require applicants to have 501(c) (3)/non-profit status. Others focus on support for low income elderly or exclude funding for general operating

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expenses. Some make grants by invitation only or limit their geographic focus. Collaboration with “funded Partners” serving the 60+ population (e.g., Metro West Health Foundation) will be explored as an additional/alternative option.

Street Fair – Lianne Relich

The Needham Street Fair will take place on June 6, 2015. The COA is sponsoring a table that will need volunteers throughout the day. There is going to be complete coverage throughout the day. Literature regarding programs/activities at the Center will be available at the table.

Art Committee – Susanne Hughes

Wall hangings and sculptures are being hung and placed. Completion TBD

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE: Board Members discuss activities

Susanne Hughes made a MOTION to adjourn the May 21, 2015 COA Board Meeting. Tom Keating seconded the motion. The MOTION carried. Unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00