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Patricia Gold, Chairperson

Minutes of COA Board Meeting- June 12, 2013

Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Will Twombly, Mike Donham, and Carol Airasian.

Members excused absence: V.V. Martin and Dottie Brown.

Staff members present: Caryl Fox, Debbie Dunn, and Laura Gold.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson, Pat Gold.

1. The minutes of the [May 8, 2013](#) meeting were read by members of the Board. Mike Donham made a motion to approve the minutes and Mary Keenan seconded. Passed.

2. Financial Statements:

Board members reviewed the [financial statements](#). Caryl Fox noted that the Senior Center Revolving Fund and the Food Pantry Revolving Fund both received a generous donation from a Watertown resident. The \$4,000 grant from the Marshall Home Fund for taxi transportation allows us to honor senior requests for needed rides.

3. LGBT Event Update:

The showing of the documentary film "[Gen Silent](#)" was held at the Watertown Free Public Library at 6:30 pm on May 23, 2013. Although the turnout wasn't as large as we hoped, people who attended thought the movie was excellent. Will Twombly did a wonderful job of facilitating the discussion. Pat Gold mentioned another good film shown recently on WGBH that includes a segment on LGBT seniors.

4. Independent and Assisted Living – New Construction:

A five story independent and assisted living residence will be built at 20 Summer St. in Watertown. The facility will also include a memory care unit. Caryl Fox met with the executive director and the marketing director here on May 14, 2013. She will attend the [ground-breaking ceremony](#) on June 25, 2013. The building is scheduled to open next summer.

5. Medicare Update:

Effective July 1, 2013, Medicare will have a [new program](#) for durable medical equipment in this area. Some of the items covered are oxygen and oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, scooters, hospital beds and walkers. Some of the suppliers will change. There will also be a new national mail-order program for diabetic testing supplies.

6. Deck Update:

The capital improvement plan for the Center in FY '13 was to repair the deck. However, when we had contactors come out to assess it and give us estimates, we found that the deck required

replacement and that plastic material would be a more durable surface than wood. We hope to combine funding from FY '13 and FY '14 so we have the money for the work. Will Twombly offered to provide his expertise and ascertain whether the underlying frame is safe or needs replacement.

7. End of Year Cleaning:

Remaining funds in the building maintenance line item will be used to have the cleaning company shampoo the rugs, dust the high areas, and wash the kitchen appliances and the cabinet doors. The new cleaning company that began in April is doing an excellent job and is very responsible.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox