

Minutes of COA Board Meeting – April 13, 2016

Board Members present: Pat Gold, Mary Keenan, Carol Airasian, V.V. Martin, Linda Moffitt, Burt Greenberg, Alice Wadden, and Bertha Anderson.

Board Members Excused: Dorothy Jean Brown

Staff Member present: Debbie Dunn

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1. The Board Members reviewed the minutes from the March meeting. It was noted that Caryl Fox's name was still on the agenda Board members received. The one that was posted in Town Hall and web were changed before being sent. V.V. Martin made a motion to approve and Bertha Anderson seconded. Passed

2. Financial Statements:

Debbie Dunn highlighted areas from the financial statements. All accounts have sufficient funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. Building Maintenance has money for any needed repair and end of year cleaning. The Emergency Assistance Fund can be used for food at Francis Food Mart. From November 2015 to March 2016 we have used \$8,700 for taxi rides while the shopping bus and driver have been out. We have expended the Marshall Home Fund Taxi grant and have used money from the Senior Center Revolving Fund. Seniors using taxis have been trying to go in groups. The Food Pantry continues to receive donations.

3. Income Taxes:

We have filled 116 slots with 5 still open. An extra slot was added to each day. Out of those 116 people 24 of them donated a total of \$624.

4. Senior Center Improvements:

New curtains have been ordered for the Senior Center and will be up before the end of the fiscal year, replacing the curtains that have been up since the building opened. The ladies and men's bathroom floors will be re-grouted as part of the FY '16 Capital Improvements. In the next fiscal year the outside front entrance area will be fixed.

5. Fundraising:

Alternatives for fundraising were presented. We will be using three local restaurants who will donate a portion of the money spent by patrons bringing in our coupon. They are: Watertown's Miller's Ale House on Thursday, May 12; The Chateau Restaurant in Waltham, Tuesday, May 24; and Not Your Average Joes in Watertown on all four Tuesdays in June. Also scheduled is a paint night with Dawn Scaltreto (who has donated her time) for Thursday, May 26. The cost is \$30 which includes all materials needed to make a 12 x 16 acrylic beach scene. Half the cost will be for the Senior Center.

6. March 28th Meeting – Committee on Human Services & Watertown For All Ages; Director Qualifications & Future Programs and Services:

The meeting of March 28 was discussed by Board members and presented to those who were unable to attend. It was felt that the meeting was run for Watertown For All Ages (Watertown Together) and that the COA Board was not given the opportunity to respond to misconceptions. It was also noted that members of the Board who were already at a table ready to be the note taker or spokesperson were told they could not do it as the people had already been picked. Each person who took up these positions was from the Watertown For All Ages group. Board members and staff were asked to attend the sub-committees report on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:15 pm at Town Hall Council Chambers.

It was surmised that a new director won't be picked until the next fiscal year.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by Deborah A Dunn