



Watertown Council on Aging

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Minutes of C.O.A. Board Meeting – June 10, 2008

Present: Pat Gold, Marie Morello, Mary Keenan, Betty Finnell, Dottie Fleming, Will Twombly, Hagop Sarkissian, and Michael Donham.

Members Excused Absence: Jane Stadolnik

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chairperson Pat Gold.
2. The minutes of the May meeting were read by Board members. Mary Keenan made a motion to approve them and Michael Donham seconded. Passed.
3. Financial Statements:
The May financial statements were reviewed by members of the Board. Caryl Fox discussed each line item and noted that the balances of some would be further reduced by the end of the fiscal year.
4. Correspondence:
 - a. Information is available about Watertown's summer concert series.
 - b. The Arsenal Center for the Arts has distributed flyers on their summer concerts.
 - c. Caryl Fox had information on a new program that makes it easier for SSI recipients to apply for Food Stamps.
 - d. The list of artists and their paintings for our annual Art Class exhibit is available.
 - e. Brochures are available at the Center on the Mercury Recovery Program. Board members mentioned that Home Depot accepts used mercury items.
5. Staff Reports:
The Senior Center received three grant awards from the Marshall Home Fund. Caryl Fox met with staff from the Arsenal Center for the Arts concerning their grant award from Marshall Home for low cost concert tickets, a pottery class, and transportation, if needed. Caryl Fox spoke with Building Inspector, Ken Thompson, who said that the attic of the Senior Center will have insulation put in this summer. Lectures this month included estate planning, emergency services, the Vial of Life, and care giving support. The reports were accepted by acclamation.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Springwell Update:
The consumer surveys sent out concerning Springwell's vendors were returned with very good results. A new Elder Affairs program, in cooperation with the Bedford VA, provides home care services for veterans. Springwell is participating in this program. A bag of fresh produce will be available for some home delivered meal clients this summer.
 - b. FY '10 Budget Update:
Caryl Fox presented the COA budget at the Town Council Hearing. The Town Councilors

were very supportive of Watertown's programs and services for seniors. The level dollar budget will allow us to continue to fund all of our current programs. The FY '10 budget will be voted on by Town Councilors on June 23, 2009.

7. New Business:

a. End of Year Building Cleaning:

Office manager, Debbie Dunn, is contacting vendors for floor stripping and waxing and to have the bathrooms sanitized.

b. COA Board Officers:

A motion was made by Mary Keenan and seconded by Betty Finnell for Pat Gold to continue as Chairperson and Marie Morello as Vice-Chairperson for the next twelve months. Passed unanimously.

c. Summer / September Meeting Schedule:

The July COA Board meeting will be on July 8, 2009. There will not be a meeting in August and the September meeting will be on September 9, 2009.

d. Board member, Michael Donham, suggested that we make sure that seniors are aware that if they have a sewer back-up problem in their home, they should call D.P.W. before contacting a private plumber.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Caryl Leslie Fox