



Board Minutes of 09/27/2022 (via Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Howe, Secretary

Voting Members Attending: Pete Hoagland, Sally Tipton, Gerri Hawn, Lori Howe, Jim Campbell, Pam Sampson

Voting Members Absent: Ken Adams

Non-Voting Associate Members Attending: Jean Rosseau

Non-Voting Associate Members Absent: Pat Gray

Staff: Sue Kelliher, Melinda Morle, Kristina Galant

Community Members Attending: 0

Voting Members Absent: 1

Quorum? Yes

Call to Order by Chair Pete Hoagland at 9:42 a.m.

Pete Hoagland opened by asking Sue Kelleher to give a remembrance of recently deceased friends of COA: Sonia Goldstein, Ruth Stewart, and Evelyn Liffiton. Board is also thinking of Evelyn's husband, Peter, who together with Evelyn provided many wonderful lunches for Senior Café. Sonia and Ruth were instrumental in the forming and growing the COA. Ruth's memorial is on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11am at Pilgrim Church. Sonia's service will be October 24 via Zoom. Jim asked what the Board could do to honor them with a plant/tree or donation; discussion followed. Sue will check with Town to understand what is permitted under gifting.

Secretary Report/Minutes by Lori Howe (see attached)

- Minutes of 8/30/22 were accepted. Moved to Approve, as presented, by Jim Campbell, second by Pam Sampson. Roll call vote to unanimously accept minutes.

Treasurer Report by Gerri Hawn (see attached)

- Gerri Hawn reviewed the FY23 financials to date: we are about ¼ way through our fiscal year with 20% spent. A new grant from Springwell will cover Men's Luncheon starting in October.
- No questions.

Director's Report – by Sue Kelliher (see attached)

- Upcoming Flu Clinic will be held this Thursday and next Monday.
- Reminder that the UMass survey is due to us by mid October for the Board's review, with presentation to Town scheduled for November 17th.
- Town Administrator search choice was "Jeremy" who is currently the DPW director in Natick; he lives in Medfield and is active very active in the Town there.
- Still waiting to hear on the Transportation Grant. Sue has reached out to the organization sponsoring it and should hear in October.
- Open House at COA Office yesterday saw 15 people visitors. Everyone was happy with the space and delighted to reconnect.
- Current sign-ups for upcoming trips include 12 people for the Cher trip and 8 for Blithewold.
- "Storytelling" has been dropped as a Lifetime Learning offering.

Discussion followed Sue's presentation. Jim suggested that Sue consider providing previous year comparative numbers in her report which members agreed would be very helpful. He also said that the last Men's luncheon was great; went very well; and Melinda really facilitated beautifully. Gerri recommended sending an acknowledging email to the Heritage.

Gerri commented that she was really pleased with the mix of respondents to the UMass survey and is looking forward to seeing the report as it will give the Board a strong indication of what Town residents are thinking.

Old Business

Pete brought up the topic of New Board member recruitment and asked if members had identified any candidates. None have been and members encouraged Sue to put notices in local newspapers to indicate that COA is seeking members. Gerri reminded that in the past Board has discussed creating a Board Member Information package. Lori suggested a one page Info Sheet for recruitment and the package for new members. Sue has already started working on this and said she would complete it soon.

New Business

Pete asked if there were any items of new business. There being none, Pete closed the meeting.

Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn:** by Pam Sampson. Second by Lori Howe. Unanimous roll call vote.
- **Adjournment at 10:08 a.m.**

Remaining regular meetings of 2022: 10/25, 11/29, 12/27

Minutes remain in draft until [Approval on 10/25/2022](#). [Attachments available upon request](#).