



Board Minutes of 10/25/2022 (via Zoom)

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Howe, Secretary

Voting Members Attending:

Pete Hoagland, Sally Tipton, Gerri Hawn, Lori Howe, Pam Sampson, Jim Campbell, Ken Adams

Voting Members Absent: 0

Non-Voting Associate Members Attending: Jean Rosseau

Non-Voting Associate Members Absent: Pat Gray

Staff Attending: Sue Kelliher, Kristina Gallant

Community Members Attending: 0

Voting Members Absent: 0

Quorum? Yes

Call to Order by Chair Pete Hoagland at 9:30 a.m.

Pete Hoagland opened by welcoming all and moved directly into business.

Secretary Report/Minutes by Lori Howe (see attached)

- Minutes of 9/27/22 were accepted. Moved to Approve, as presented, by Gerri Hawn, second by Sally Tipton. Roll call vote to unanimously accept minutes.

Treasurer Report by Gerri Hawn (see attached)

- Gerri Hawn reviewed the FY23 financials to date, per her written reports. COA has paid for the Cher trip and has paid Leila and other instructors for upcoming courses. We have closed out the MetroWest Health Foundation grant. She received formal notice from the State that Sherborn was again awarded a Formula grant for this fiscal year, in the amount of \$13,692, which Sue reported has come in. In closing Gerri stated that all in all our finances are in good shape

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

- 15 people have signed up for the Cher show in Danversport and 23 for Blithewood. There are still a few more openings.
- Tomorrow will be the Boston Post Cane award for Phyllis Braun at Pilgrim Church. There will be a presentation to her by members of the Select Board.
- Memorial for Sonia Goldsmith was on Sunday via Zoom. Sue will send link to Board.
- There will be a free Lunch-and-Learn on Friday as part of the Memory series.
- Life Time Learning classes registrations continue to come in; Sue reported that we are still in black. Decided to drop the November-December Art Class due to lack of enrollment; it will be re-considered in January.
- The LINK will go out today. Thanks to all volunteers who helped with folding.
- Sue and Kristina went to the MCOA conference, which was well attended. They got a lot of helpful information, especially on making a town age- and dementia-friendly. Sue received a good tool kit to do that, which she will use once decisions are made from the Community Assessment. Sue noted that Massachusetts is the first state to become "Age-Friendly". Sue also attended some Elder Law workshops and Kristina did a lot of intergenerational workshops.

- Sue has received that UMass Community Assessment survey draft report, both in full form (~100 pages) as well as Executive Summary. Members are welcome to come in and review it. It will be presented to the Town on November 17th. Jim Campbell said he felt it would be important for the Board to review this before the November town meeting; discussion followed. Jim motioned that the Executive Summary be distributed to the Board as a confidential document which can be picked up by or mailed to the Board members; Ken Adams seconded. Motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- Jim Campbell reported enthusiastically on yesterday's Men's Luncheon. He complimented Melinda on the great job she does. Art Schnure was there and spoke on "Sherborn Walks", which was a great topic that elicited much participation. At the end of lunch, Melinda announced that the lunch was free, funded by an \$8,900 grant from Springwell. Although these monies are available, donations are also encouraged. Jim said having a speaker really helps and will probably grow participation at the Luncheon. Sue said that they are working on topics for future meetings and that transportation will also be covered as needed. Jim said the service was amazing; Ken added that Heritage did a great job.
- The Town Administrator candidate has signed his contract and tentatively will start Monday after Thanksgiving.

Discussion followed Sue's presentation. Jim thanked Sue for providing previous year comparative data in her report and asked what insights she had from this. She said usage remains pretty consistent year to year. Jim said that there seems to be a group of individuals in town who with high need for social services. Sue agreed and said the need is increasing. In terms of numbers: there are a few who are consistently needy (about 25 people); others contact COA when they're in crisis; many townspeople don't think they're old enough to use COA services. Care-giving is a big hole because of the shortage of caregivers. Programs are much more consistent and we continually try to provide offerings that respond to town interests/feedback. Jim asked how many Town residents take advantage of at least one COA event/service a year, to which Sue responded that she estimates about 150.

Regarding the LINK, Sue reported that we lost one advertiser who took a half page ad. She asked the Board to refer anyone they know who might want to advertise. The LINK goes out 6 times a year to every Sherborn household.

This year's Holiday Senior Café will be December 15th. Sue reviewed what we did last year in terms of food, gifts, and centerpieces so the Board can begin to plan. Gerri commented that we had too much food last year and recommended care in determining how much food to order this year. Sally suggested we decide on whether we to offer ham and turkey or just one. Gerri offered to reach out to local businesses for gift donations. Gerri and Lori will again do centerpieces.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

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

Adjournment

- **Motion to Adjourn:** by Jim Campbell. Second by Sally Tipton. Unanimous roll call vote.
- **Adjournment at 10:10 a.m.**

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

Minutes remain in draft until Approval on 11/29/2022. Attachments available upon request.