

Scituate Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting on
June 9, 2016
At Scituate Senior Center

Present were Gordon Price, Dale Balog, Janice Lindblom, Lucille Sorrentino, Audrey Reidy, BOS Liaison Marty O'Toole and COA Director Linda Hayes.

Gordon Price, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:31pm and read the BOS Mission Statement. Introductions were made.

Minutes of the May 12, 2016, were accepted by the Board.

Linda Hayes gave her Director's report. Linda discussed the Friendly Visitor Program. She met with Janice Lindblom and Imelda Nelson as well as COA staff members. The goal is to have the FVP up and running by September. Linda attended a training for compliance with Drug and Alcohol policy for the COA and Town of Scituate. The Cafe talk on June 1 was well attended. The new exercise class has been well received.

The COA Board Training is postponed until Friday, September 9 at 8:45-11:45 at the COA. Surrounding towns have been invited to participate. Live Your Life Well program was held June 9th and went well. Volunteer Luncheon is on June 21. Other upcoming events are Bob Jackman on June 29 and the Singing Trooper on September 30.

Discussions are ongoing with the Post Office and J&R Graphics re: the mailing delay. Mailing may be switched from the PO for the next mailing on a trial basis.

Reports were submitted by Transportation, Activities and the Outreach Coordinator and distributed to the Board. New drivers are being used for trips.

Linda also added information re: Ethics Training that is due every two years for Board members. Gordon stated that Town Hall is requesting attendance records for COA Board meetings held over the past year. That information would be found in the minutes and has to be gathered manually.

SSES and MCOB Liaisons were not present to give their reports.

FOSS: Bette Johnson reported on the upcoming golf tournament on June 17. The 2nd annual trivia night is being planned for October 28. FOSS would also like to have a yard sale.

Marty O'Toole asked additional questions re: the Friendly Visitor Program.

SABRC: Gordon reported on the findings of the Committee. June 21 the SABRC will be going in front of the BOS with their findings and recommendations.

Les Ball, President of the Scituate Library Foundation, presented an overview of funding sources available to the Board. The SLF has raised over \$1million towards the goal of \$2 million. The SLF is supportive of a new Senior Center. Construction on the new library will finish next February/March of 2017. Mr. Ball reported on a rule passed by the IRS, "The IRA Charitable Rollover," allowing tax-free donations to be made from an individual's IRA.

Gordon informed the Board about the Scituate Educational Foundation meeting at the Maritime Center on June 11. The SEF is available to assist all community organizations, not just SPS.

Discussion re: the newsletter and mailing list was on how residents get on the mailing list and how the veterans could have information published in the newsletter. Also discussed was editing the mailing list, adding new seniors and staying within the budget.

Items XII and VIII on the agenda are on hold.

Old Business: The Commission on Disabilities and DPW were at the COA and installed new signage in the front of the building. Audrey Reidy pointed out that there is not a sign for the COA coming from the direction of town hall on First Parish Rd. Gordon asked if there were any other issues re: the COD and Linda replied that there were none on the inside of the building as of yet. Gordon mentioned utilizing a grant writer to access other funding sources for the Senior Center. Gordon added that the American Legion may be interested in the current Senior Center building in the future for a meeting place. Marty O'Toole stated that by law the Town should provide a meeting place for the Legion.

New Board member appointments are on the BOS agenda. Marty said that there is an issue with the by-laws in determining how many members are required. He thought there are 3-5 applicants for the Board.

Elections will be held at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lindblom