

COA MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2017

Present: Gwen Trelle, Gail Bedard, Sue McGowan, Carol Pike, Bill McGee, Ted Thornton, Gina Froment, Tony Stavely, Linda Hescok, Heather Tower

Absent: Randy Foster, Rhoda Yucavich

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gwen Trelle at 9:06 A.M. Motion to accept the Dec. 2016 minutes as amended was made by Gwen Trelle, seconded by Linda Hescok. Motion passed.

Director's Report:

Financial: We are running on target in terms of our year one in the two-year cycle of our TIII grant. Built into the grant were 4 weeks of not meeting, if necessary for weather, illness or education. We purchased new mats for the program. We are on track with the Formula Grant and town funds.

Programs: Our attendance remains fairly high. We gave Kudos to Patter Field for her kind and gracious manner in dealing with people who come into the blood pressure and foot clinics twice a month.

Van ridership: Numbers remain solid. There was a lively discussion about the plusses and minuses of using FTRA mini-busses. We are down to one driver at present because one driver is recovering from surgery and the second driver is away for the month of January. We should be back to two drivers in February, and hopefully our head driver will be back with us soon, giving us three. Trips have accommodated the situation, so we hope more will be planned once we have two drivers.

Committee reports:

Legislative: Ted read a letter that had been sent to Governor Baker wishing him a happy birthday and reminding him he, too, is now a Senior Citizen. Ted reminded us NOCA and MOCA both urge us to be vigilant watching legislative initiatives involving seniors. Tony Stavely has become a member of our Legislative Committee.

Membership: Gina Froment is the newest member of the membership Committee. The outgoing committee will set up the orientation for the new members.

Nominating: We still need one more member for the board.

Special activities The Healthy Nutrition Program has been put off to the end of January; the baseball Saturday has been cancelled, but trip to the UMass hockey game will happen as scheduled in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hescock 2/17/17

Linda Hescock, Secretary