

COA Minutes November 17, 2017

Present: Gwen Trelle, Rhoda Yucavich, Sue McGowan, Carol Pike, Linda Hescok, Gina & Frank Froment, Randy Foster, Tony Stavely, Ted Thornton, Heather Tower

Absent: Gail Bedard, Bill McGee

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Chairperson Gwen Trelle.

October minutes were amended by adding Carol Pike to the list of those present on October 20. Once amended, Tony motioned, seconded by Sue to accept the October 20, 2017 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Director's Report

Financial: Next month money for Heather's computer will be reflected in the budget. The money has been allocated from the Formula Grant. The old computer will remain on site to be used during the various presentations we have during the year. Future Wi-Fi availability is still on the table.

Van ridership is down slightly perhaps due to the elimination of Thursday as a regular grocery shopping day.

Activity numbers remain stable.

Roundtable discussion:

Legislative: no report

Nominating: no report

Membership: Randy & Linda spent time with Frank, giving him his orientation.

Village to Village Program:

After their conference in Baltimore Tony and Bill drafted a thorough written report with information they learned to establish such a program in Northfield (see attached). They will need more volunteers over a two year period to make this a reality. This is a growing concept in the country to help people stay in their own homes as their ability to perform small tasks and repairs becomes an issue, as well as get to appointments since many family live at a distance and the van service cannot accommodate all needs.

Town Committees: Tony and Bill attended the gathering of all town committees this month. It was a worthwhile evening to hear what each committee is doing and where there is either overlap or similar aim as a step towards more collaboration.

Retreat: Gina made a motion, seconded by Tony that we set some time aside either on a Friday or Saturday after the first of the year to do some visioning for our future. Friday was preferred. Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hescock 12/15/17

Linda Hescock, secretary