

COA Minutes December 15, 2017

Present: Bill McGee, Gwen Trelle, Gail Bedard, Randy Foster, Ted Thornton, Sue McGowan, Tony Stavely, Linda Hescock, Heather Tower

Absent: Gina & Frank Froment, Carol Pike, Rhoda Yucavich

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by Chairwoman Gwen Trelle

Minutes: Tony motioned, Randy seconded the motion that November minutes be accepted as presented. Motion passed

Director's report

Financial: Heather's new computer has arrived, cash flow is steady and on tract. Tony assisted with the update and streamlining of the format of the treasurer's monthly report to simplify it and make it easier to read. We received a considerable amount of donations in memory of Norma Stearns which will be used to fund a summer concert in her memory.

Activities: Van ridership is down slightly perhaps due to decrease in number of lunches provided and number of grocery shopping trips. The numbers in other activities remains stable.

Emily Walker: GCC senior Nursing student, Emily Walker, presented a detailed description of her plan to offer health information to the senior citizen population of Northfield. She has created a FaceBook page called "Seniors and Wellness" to help reach Northfield seniors, in addition to the Town Webpage, the Senior Newsletter and NextDoor. She will also design a bulletin board which will hang in the hall across from the Senior Center office and will have health information to read and take.

Village to Village project: Tony and Bill have increased the membership of this sub-committee to 5 members. The committee reports the idea is "jelling" and is working to promote the concept through coverage in the Greenfield Recorder and the COA members getting the word out among our friends and acquaintances. They will also be holding gatherings to learn from the seniors what they would like to see happen.

Committees: Heather handed out detailed responsibilities for each of the committees to assist them in fulfilling the needs.

Nominating & Legislative committees-no report

Membership committee- Frank Froment has had his orientation

Retreat: The retreat is scheduled for the morning of Jan 27, 2018; the exact time, location, and agenda will be given at our January regular meeting. We said thank you and goodbye to Gail Bedard upon the completion of her term on the COA and acknowledged Rhoda who has also completed her term.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hescock 1/19/18

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