

COA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Frank at 1:05 PM

Present: Frank Froment, Jim Whitcomb, Betty Whitcomb, Linda Hescock, Tony Stavely, Randy Foster, CarolPike, Ted Thornton, Sue McGowan, Becky Sommer-Petersen, and guests, Pat Sicard (RSVP), Cheryl Tefft (Treasurer for the Northfield Senior Center), and Judy Wagner and Shelby Snow (Friends of the COA)

Absent: Judie Tate

Minutes: Tony motioned and Jim seconded to accept the January minutes. Motion passed.

The order of the agenda was changed so as to allow guest Pat Sicard to speak about RSVP. We began with COA business at 1:37 PM

Director's Report:

Cultural grant of \$300 awarded to COA for events around our Native American, French Canadian, and Irish heritages. Randy and Betty will report next month on ideas. It was suggested that Becky contact Joe Graveline about a talk on Native American culture.

Becky asked who was planning to attend the COA training by Emmett in Bernardston. Frank, Jim, Judie, Carol, and Betty planned to attend along with Becky.

Breakfast on Friday, February 28th will feature a presentation by Rep. Paul Mark about the upcoming census. The librarian will bring laptops to help people sign up for the census.

On Sunday, March 1 there will be a concert to benefit Meals on Wheels at Rose Art Center on the NMH campus.

New card games will begin in March.

The next SLN will feature Live Dive in the Channel Islands off the coast of California.

The guests spoke on the respective roles of the COA, Friends of the COA, and the Senior Center, especially as regards fund raising. Members of the COA board were surprised to learn that the Senior Center had its own treasurer. Board members will research and discuss improved communication and collaboration among the COA, Senior Center, and Friends of the COA.

The board discussed composing a senior involvement survey.

Due to the time, it was decided to postpone all other discussions for another date.

Adjournment:

Carol made the motion that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Linda then passed at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Whitcomb, acting secretary