

## Minutes for COA Meeting 8/17/21

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

Attendance: Frank, Carol, Judie, Tony, Howard, Jinx, Linda, Colleen, Jim, Betty

The minutes from last meeting were discussed. . Judie moved to approve, Tony seconded. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's report: The cash box now under lock and key. Once there is over \$100 in the petty cash, the excess is deposited in the Gifts and Donations account. Tony feels that the money in petty cash should be spent by Colleen or Linda without oversight as they see fit. There were questions about state formula grants.

Tony himself feels that the report is incomplete and he will do more research. Report approved. Betty moved to accept the report, Carol seconded. The report was accepted.

### **Chair's Report:**

Frank made a motion to give Greg a \$250 gift card in thanks for the paint job. Judie seconded. We discussed options for the gift card. We settled on \$50 to Hope and Olive, \$50 to People's Pint, \$150 to Home Depot. Frank moved that we do so, Betty seconded. The motion passed.

We have \$3200 for further renovations. Recessed lights, wireless hookup for projector. The new set-up will give us options for activities—movie night, SLN,

Linda explained the difference between and LCD projector and TV. Others contributed to the discussion about TV's (Tony especially). We discussed various possibilities, such as using Netflix, Prime.

Colleen reports that SLN is becoming more restrictive and more expensive.

We discussed sound systems at length. Betty added comments about the possibility of having a loop for telecoil for whenever the podium and microphone is used.

Frank put a motion on the floor that we look into a TV, and disregard the projector. Judie seconded. Jim will look into getting a discount from BJ's, Manny's. Motion passed.

**Director's Report:** Colleen has been looking into the situation with the stove. The price is \$7675. We can sell the old one for maybe \$500, maybe more according to the man from Garland. We already have \$4338 towards the price of a new one. We may have to pitch the town for more money (\$3000 currently from town, \$1338 from another source). Garland man will charge \$150 to dismantle old stove for removal. It was asked if the CPC help? Carol will look into this. We can talk to Friends, to Fire Department, Unitarian Church, others who use the stove to help with the cost.

Program update: Coffee hours seem to wind down after 1.5 hours, so Colleen proposes that we change it to 9 - 10:30. Another speaker will be for the first coffee hour in September. Carol suggests that we mention that the speaker will be here from 9 to 9:30 on Next door.

There are new programs, 6 - 8 weeks in duration offered by Healthy Living Program Manager at Life Path. It may be possible to have some of these offered at the Senior Center, but it was noted that attendance may incur a cost for people from out of town.

There will be a concert this coming weekend at golf course.

Colleen asked if we should pursue the Age Friendly Community certification. She mentioned various benefits (support and funding) of this certification. A long process, can take up to 5 years start to finish, in four phases

Frank moved that we allow Colleen to pursue the Age Friendly Community certification; Judie seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed with one nay vote. Some discussion about the reservations followed the vote. Nay vote was changed after the discussion.

Colleen talked about Happy Feet, a walking group. At the first one three people walked up Main Street looked at the historic houses. Colleen would like two levels Happy Feet, one very easy, one that is more challenging, looking into trails. People could bring dogs on leashes.

The bridge game has started up, on Wednesday mornings, nine to noon.  
Cribbage may start up again. Betty added that she would be willing to start a knitting group too.

There may be more small things to cheer the place up. Coffee table, potted plants.

**Technology Report:**

Carol reports that Bill Llewelyn returned his iPad. Now all four are back at the senior center.

**Legislative Report:**

Nothing new from the legislature.

**N@H Report:**

Neighbors at Home will host a Shred Day on September 11 from 10:00 to noon. All in the community are welcome to participate. At their last meeting the idea of a community calendar with input from various groups was floated

**Miscellaneous:**

Frank thanked Betty and Jinx for work on by-laws, Discussion postponed until a later meeting. Jinx would like to discuss wider dissemination of the newsletter, perhaps via email. Betty mentioned that she and Jinx are willing to look into updating our binder.

Judie moved that we adjourn. Betty seconded for

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty and Jim Whitcomb

