

COA Minutes

7/20/2021

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

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

The minutes from June's meeting were submitted for approval. Frank moved that they be approved. Tony seconded. The minutes were approved, with Carol abstaining due to being absent from the June meeting.

The treasurer's report was submitted. Tony explained that both he and Colleen felt that the petty cash should not have \$691, so they decided to move \$600 from petty cash to the revolving gift account. Tony is still working to reconcile our account figures with the town's figures. In particular he noted that our figures show \$2224 in the revolving gift account, while the town puts that figure at \$6989. Judie moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Carol seconded. The report was accepted.

CHAIR'S REPORT and GENERAL DISCUSSION

Frank commented that the coffee hour is doing quite well, with more new people attending. It was suggested that we hold two coffee hours each month and all agreed. Coffee hours will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the pavilion. August's coffee hours will be on the tenth and twenty-fourth.

We then discussed the building and grounds, starting with the shed. We felt that, though prices may drop some, they are unlikely to reach their pre-COVID level. We are still examining alternatives. The flowers are doing well, though they need some weeding. Tony asked who is in charge of maintaining the area around the veterans' memorial, wondering if we could coordinate care of this area with the veterans.

Many of us noted the article about Age Friendly Communities in Franklin County and discussed why we are not yet on the list. Accessibility of private businesses seems to be a hurdle,

Frank noted that the July meeting is when we elect new officers. All current officers agreed to stay on, but Carol mentioned that her second term with the COA ends in December, at which time we will need a new vice-chair. Carol also mentioned that in December we will need to appoint a new liaison with the CPC when her term is up. All officers were voted back in.

Frank asked for volunteers to examine and update the bylaws. Jinx and Betty agreed to do this.

We next discussed how and when we would re-open. Because of concerns with the Delta variant and the need to complete renovations we agreed that it would be best to announce that we are planning to re-open in early fall. At the same time we felt it would be good to remind people of all that we have been doing despite being closed—Zoom exercise classes, take-and-go meals, coffee hours, foot clinic, and a bridge group. Colleen mentioned that the Senior Learning Network would be starting back up in person after our meeting. There will be another one in August. She hopes that future SLN programs will be held both via Zoom and in person.

The stove cannot be either updated or modified, so it will need to be replaced. We are still unclear as to who owns the stove and thus who is responsible for the cost of its replacement.

Plans for the coffee bar are shaping up. Linda has found completely compostable K-cups.

Carol reported that one iPad has been returned and restored to factory settings. Talk about the iPads led to musing about starting a sort of internet cafe at the Senior Center. Colleen requested that we purchase a cell phone for her and Linda to use for Senior Center business. We all approved. It was suggested that we investigate [lively.com](https://www.lively.com) as an inexpensive option for a plan.

Tony reported that Neighbors at Home has started to offer services again as of July 15th.

No legislative news was reported.

Items for the newsletter should be submitted to Linda by Sunday, July 25

Next meeting date was set at Tuesday, August 17 2021, at 1:00 PM.

Judie moved that we adjourn and Betty seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim and Betty Whitcomb