

Holliston Council on Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
September, 10,2014

Members Present: Millie Bedard, Mark Ahronian, Bob Malone, Frank Caron,
Muriel Berman, Lois Hosmer

Members Absent: Carmen Chiango

Associate Members Present: Carole Curnyn

Associate Members Absent: Sophia Dowling, Kay McGilvray

Staff Present: Linda Marshall

Call to Order: Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M.

Public Comments-None

Chair's Comments:

Bob reported there are many applications for the Director's position. He also said the Center would have a presence at Celebrate Holliston.

Minutes for the July 9th meeting were presented. Mark moved to accept them. Millie seconded. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report- Carmen Chiango

BOB reported in Carmen's absence. The Town Accountant is leaving. Bob will talk with the interim concerning Senior Center issues. A bill for some lunches was sent back for adjustment as there were problems. The budget ended the year \$64 in the black. Bob thanked the staff for all their work on the Fall Fair.

Two spread sheets showing all the financials for the Center were distributed. The Formula Grant has been completely used as it should be. \$907 in the Trip Fund needs to be moved to the Gift Fund.

Bob outlined the Capital needs for the Center: the parking lot, steps and ramps, a freezer, sanitizer, a range, work on the bathrooms, an energy efficiency study.

Senior Center Report-Linda Marshall

**Fundraising

*Metro West health care Foundation-final installment received-\$4,887.50

*Knights of Columbus-formal presentation of \$5,000 check will occur at Celebrate

Holliston- Bob and Linda will accept the check.

*Mary Ann Morse Rehab of Natick-will underwrite Halloween Party ,Oct. 29th-Will provide meal and entertainment-Center will provide drinks and paper goods

*New Pond Village of Walpole-will underwrite Gary Highlander ,Oct.,Nov., Dec.

*Fall Fair-\$14,400 raised on Sat.-another \$800 has been collected since and \$400-\$500 more is anticipated-nearly 100 businesses contributed gift cards,merchandise, or money-thank you notes are being sent-special thanks to Susan and Vincent Trunfio who went to each of these businesses seeking donations

*Cornerstone Assisted Living-Linda will tour this month-they are interested in underwriting an entertainment or educational program-would like to present a program on Alzheimers- -Donated a basket to Fall Fair

**Building

* Keefe Tech-attempting to confirm a start date for steps and ramp-Bob will contact Mike Tyman concerning flag pole

Mark said the building could accommodate a second floor, something to consider.

Bob will meet with Selectmen on Tues. Sept.16.

**Programs

*Day Programs

Computer Programs-Kim Capobianco is moving so there are no computer classes this fall.

All other classes have continued or resumed as of 9/2.

Halloween Party on 10/29. Gary Highlander will speak at 11:00. A singer from The Platters will perform at lunch.

*Night Programs

No summer night programs-twice a month pool tournaments-3 people came after 4:00when no programs were in session-they were regular day time attendees

Zumba Gold, Pilates, and Ballroom Dancing resume 9/16

- Would Council like to look for other night programs for Nov./Dec.?

A vendor fair might be a possibility.

**Other

*Freezer-Having multiple problems with freezer- 7years old

*Staff Hours- Linda met with Paul LeBeau. He approved 37.5 hours for her and extra hours for Ellie and Ginger, as needed, until a new Director is hired.

*Van Update-new program with MWRTA started 7/1-NOT AS TIME SAVING AS ANTICIPATED; more paperwork, faxing and multiple daily calls

*Fuel Assistance-Nancy Karas is unable to continue as a volunteer this fall. Sheila Joslin and Ellie Stackpole will attend training in mid-Oct. Renewal applications were sent out mid-Aug.. New applications will be taken in mid-Oct.

SSF Requests

Fall Fair Thank You Luncheon	\$350
Halloween Party	\$200 Visa
Lunch and Movie	\$150-Visa-Oct./Nov./Dec.
Bingo	\$120-Cash Oct./Nov./Dec.
Old Guys Breakfast	\$210-Oct./Nov./Dec.-Visa
Craft Class	\$100-Nov./Dec.-Visa

Millie moved to accept the SSF Requests. Muriel seconded. All agreed.

**Old Business

*FY2016 Budget and Goals-Bob distributed to members a list of goals and initiatives for 2016 which included appropriations, transportation funding, fundraising, and assessment of space opportunities in the existing building.

*Five Year Plan-A Five Year Plan Draft was distributed for all to consider for ongoing discussion.

*Bob would like seniors to get to the Oct. Town Meeting to offer support for Council initiatives.

**New Business

*Muriel moved and Frank seconded approval of a letter to be sent the Selectmen. All approved. Mark moved and Millie seconded approval of changes to the bylaws including reducing the Council to seven members and having the Annual Meeting in June. All approved. Sophia has formally resigned.

*No policy for charging outside groups for use of the Center exists. Bob suggested no charge for non-profits benefitting the Town. Non-profits raising funds will be expected to make a donation. Mark moved to accept this plan. Muriel seconded. All agreed.

*Muriel suggested a class on on maintenance or someone on call for small jobs. The Lend a Lion Program was suggested as a possible way to address this need.

*It was noted that the Town does not always respond in a timely fashion to questions and requests.

Respectfully submitted:
Lois Hosmer
October 8,2014