

Holliston Council on Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
December 12, 2013

Members Present: Lois Hosmer, Bob Malone, Frank Caron, Mark Ahronian,
Millie Bedard, Carmen Chiango

Members Absent: Muriel Berman

Associate Members Present: Carol Curnyn, Sophia Dowling

Associate Members Absent: Kay McGilvray

Staff Present: Lina Arena DeRosa, Linda Marshall

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

Public Comments-None

Chair's Comments:

Bob had a conversation with Paul LeBeau concerning the size of the Council. The number is set by Town Meeting. He has written a warrant to have the number changed. It is also necessary to change the annual meeting to June. The by-laws say those over 55 may use the Center. He will pull that language out so others may attend programs.

Minutes for November

These were put on hold until the next meeting.

Director's Report:

Fundraising

**Grants

- *200 Foundation-\$4,200 requested for meal program
- *Holliston Cultural Council-grants written for four performances for 2014
- *Business Letter-Sent in Oct. -over \$500 in donations
- *Fiske's-350 donation- they would like to make it annual
- *MARTAP GRANT-due this week-money for swipe cards for vans
- *Area supermarket letters
sent in early Dec.
- *Memorial donations came in for Kay Hamlet and Gerry Paradis

Building Updates:

- *Roof-waiting for repair
- *Expansion of parking lot-money not available until Spring
- *Front and back stairs- waiting for Keefe Tech
- *Flag pole-waiting for estimate from Mike Tyman

2014-2015 Budget

- *Estimated 1.5% increase guideline
- *Need to have warrant article for parking lot by mid-Feb.
- *Suggest warrant article for increase in budget of 50K
- * 2013 Annual Town Report is due Jan.2. Council members received a copy.
- *Van-working to increase reimbursement from MWRTA -Council members received copies of information provided to MWRTA

Regular Program Update

- *All classes doing well
- *Fuel Assistance-very busy year
- *Linda requesting a free phone for an elderly gentleman for one year-asking \$125 from SSF- Mark moved to approve the request . Millie seconded. All approved.

Special programming

- *Gary Hylander Lecture sponsored by New Pond Village-Dec.18th-"A Christmas Carol"
- *Holiday Luncheon-Dec.18th- catered by Oliva's-106 seniors
- Policeman's Association Annual Dinner-Dec. 9th -catered by Outpost Farm-120 seniors
- *Staff Luncheon-Mon. Dec.30th-no lunch- Center closes at noon for party- - invitations will go out this month
- *VFW Luncheon-Sun. Jan.5th-81 seniors-building use approved by Selectmen
- *Day Trips-Feb.11th,Twin Rivers-Mar.15th-Irish show
- AARP Tax help-back in late Jan.

Future Programming

- *Evidence Based Programming
 - A Matter of Balance-Jan.2014-6 weeks-underwritten by Metro West Health Foundation Grant
 - Healthy Eating-summer of 2014
 - Chronic Disease-Diabetes- spring2014-Bay Pathto underwrite this course
- *Evening Hours-Will begin in JAN.- programs in Mar.

Increase in Donation Requests

- *Newsletter will ask for \$4 for all classes starting in Jan.

*Old Guys Breakfast to be \$3 starting in Jan.-no Feb. breakfast

*Linda will increase donations for out of town van rides.

Other

No classes dec,24,26,27,or 31.Center will be open just no programs

*Fairview Catering is continuing with us -no lunch first week in Jan.

*Working on MYSENIORCENTER-goal is to be ready in Jan.-a gift will be given to Ellie for all the time she has put in.

Holiday Needs from the COA and SSF-holiday candy-hot chocolate- treats-gift bags and tissue paper by Tues. Dec.17th

SSF Requests for Jan./Feb.

Bingo-Jan./Feb./Mar.	\$120 cash
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Pool Tourney Jan./Feb./Mar.	\$210 cash
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Valentine's Day Luncheon paper goods	\$150 Visa
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Phone for elder gentleman	\$125-cash
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Craft Class	\$150 Visa
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Frank moved to accept the SSF requests. Mark seconded. All approved.

Reports on van usage and population change were provided to each member.

Mark made a motion to draft an article for \$11,000 for an engineering study. Bob seconded and all agreed.

Lina said that \$5,000 is needed for vacations and sick days for van drivers.

Mark made a motion to accept budget increase of 1.5%. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

Still having trouble getting money from MWRTA. The Formula Grant is now \$750 per senior. Formula Grant should all be spent by the end of the year. Fuel costs are up.Millie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Frank seconded. All agreed.

Old Business:

Roof- Waiting for repair

New Business:

Transportation Funding-covered in Director's Report

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Frank seconded. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20P.M.

Respectfully submitted:Lois Hosmer FEB.12,2014

