

CORRECTED MINUTES
COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2014

Present: Carolyn Bottum, , Crawley Cooper, Trish McGean, Mary Sheldon, , Dot Taylor, Dilla Tingley, Rob Todd, and our Select liaison, Renel Fredrickson - Sally Kindlberger arrives to lock in the quorum!!

The Minutes for Dec 16 and Jan 14 were approved as written.

Budget: Carolyn reported the good news that Tim Higgins has said the COA budget will be restored to this fiscal year's level. Maybe we will be "in the cups" again.

Staffing: She also reported the bad news that Pam Alberts will need to work from home for 4 months. We all indicated we would be happy to be called on to come in and help when needed. Susan Isbell will do social work and Ria Vet has volunteered to do the volunteer management.

Food: Crosby's has agreed to supply baked goods – Donelan's was not keeping up.

Belmont Community Center Visit – Wednesday Feb 26 at 10am. Please let Carolyn know if you can attend. Rides can be provided if you need one

Director's Report:

Calendar Highlights for March:

Laugh Yourself Silly 3/5, Martha Lufkin 3/7, LA at the movies **exciting public safety film** featuring Leo Algeo and Allan Bowles (with Kevin Mooney in attendance) 3/14. Music on the Web 2:30 on 3/18, coffee with artists Ruthann Hendrickson 2:30 on 3/20, exercise for Cancer Survivors, 3/21, Rediscovering Dave Brubeck at 2:30 on 3/25, Elder Affairs rep to talk on "Prescription Advantage" 3/28.

Top of the Town was "wildly successful" – CB's own words. Great venue, all but one of us liked the food. Friends must use a DeC approved caterer. We second the kudos to those who make this such a great event. We pay DeC \$2000 to be there. Several thought we should pay less. John Cowles is the negotiator.

Lincoln Cultural Council Grants: We were rewarded our request for the **New Sound Assembly**. Performance will be Sunday Oct 5 (in case you are working out your calendar that far out!!). Second event ours because library could not accommodate. A One-session workshop by artist Greg Maichack - **Sublime Sunflowers: Pastel Paint Like the Masters**. Get your chalk sharpened for May.

Emergency Assistance committee revising its policies – (1) added a requirement that Resident not have the funds and have exhausted all other avenues, (2) if resident repays some or all of assistance may again be eligible. There has been a significant increase in requests in the past six months.

AARP/IRS Tax Assistance, an extremely valuable service to be provided this year by Packy Lawler and Bob Curtiss. They will use space in Town Offices because of our lack of adequate "confidential space" in Bemis.

SPACE NEED HIGHLIGHT FOR FEBRUARY- CONFIDENTIAL SPACE

New spotlights upstairs – Hope you have the chance to experience the **psychedelic swirls** that are now ours thanks to Jim Cunningham. Hopefully they will not activate during a confidential encounter.

Clinics churning right along.

Trips – Sally has joined committee and will lead us to Fitchburg in April to cry our eyes out over “service dogs” and their charges. Feb is Aquarium (still space), March – Stoneham Theater, May – Olmstead Estate, June – Fenway Park Tour. GREAT LINEUP!

Minuteman Senior Services – no report, Feb Meeting cancelled for snow.

Housing – Mary reports that an excellent and lengthy report (thanks to Pam Gallup) is due out soon – required reading for us all. Mary would like to be replaced as our liaison –any takers?

Space Planning: Dilla and Carolyn expressed concern about a statement in the School Building Advisor Committee’s Report that seems to discount that COA space needs are real. She drafted a statement to take to the Joint Board get together to discuss the report. Crawley made a pitch for the cost savings that could be gained from Schools and Community Center sharing one building.

Rebranding. This lively discussion is postponed till next month. Hold your breath! Rob wanted to know if we could share our meaty list of suggestions with Concord/Carlisle. After some worry that they would “steal our best ideas” it was agreed he could.

Community Center: Renel expressed that the Selects are supportive of the process as it is unfolding and that the next step of hiring a consultant to help us narrow down and cost out by “order of Magnitude” several options is important. There are good consultants out there and we may have to do some arm twisting to convince one to take on our project.

Submitted by Dilla