

## COA Meeting Minutes February 6, 2020

Attendance: Margaret Clark-Moroff Chairperson, Loretta Marshall, Elisabeth Monkowski, Alice Medeiros, Cindy Crimlisk Director.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Margaret at 11:02 AM.

Minutes from the January meeting were read, Loretta made a motion to accept minutes as read. Liz seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report was read by Cindy, Loretta made motion to accept as read, seconded by Liz. COA was informed that we had just received a phone call informing us that a new grant had just been awarded to us for intergenerational activities, more information would be forth coming. It was suggested that a thank you should be written to Senator Pacheco to thank him for our grants.

Group Attendance:

Attendance in groups has increased a bit in recent weeks. With several people coming in for the first time.

Some possible suggestions for groups:

Plastic canvas craft was enjoyed by several members, they would enjoy doing it again.

Perhaps a poker group for men.

Margaret and Cindy had recently attended meeting, and surprisingly food is a motivator for attendance. A suggestion offered at meeting was having a muffin day.

Old Business:

Due to increased attendance suggested donation amounts has been placed on hold at present time. It was suggested a sign be made to remind people donations are gratefully accepted.

New Business:

To clarify council offices. Loretta made a motion to make Margaret Chair, seconded by Liz. Margaret made a motion to make Loretta Vice-Chair, Liz seconded.

Upcoming groups:

Sweetheart party 2/12 with pizza from doughlious and watching a movie. Some suggestions The Notebook, On Golden Pond or Message in a Bottle.

PawSox game planned for 5/7 with caps and dogs

Planning a trip on the Pilgrim Belle sometime in perhaps August.

Trip to Whitehall in Middletown, RI (George Berkley's home), perhaps in conjunction was the Historical Society.

Some lectures to be arranged as well.

There was some discussion on increasing exposure by using cable, perhaps a running line of activities, a catchy commercial, informational or instructional lecture videoed.

A suggestion at recent meeting we are considering, creating our own food room for people that may need food between brown bag days. Room would include pet food, so a senior doesn't have to decide to feed themselves or their furry friends or worse having to give up their pet.

Loretta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Liz.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM