

Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

January 18, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Present: Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair Julia Moulton, Secretary Ellie Tyson, John Bowen, Saul Finestone, Phil Hallahan, Marilyn Hurst, Frances Miffitt, Marge Morgan, George Shea, Eleanor Stolar, Judy Yaffe, Theresa Yesu.

Absent: Vice Chair Rose Morace, Marybeth Bergeron, Select Board Liaison Marie Angelides.

Guest: Robin Frechette

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The December minutes were approved.
- III. **Reports:**
 - a. **Select Board:** Marie not available for the meeting.
 - b. **Director's Report:** Jim passed out the month of December department reports, including services, programs, special events, etc. Eleanor noted that the town meeting on the 25th coincided with a concert at the center. Could our van be used to transport anyone wanting to attend the High School meeting following the concert? Jim stated that he was not notified of the special town meeting and as these programs are booked well in advance, could not be rescheduled.
 - c. **Treasurer's:** Eleanor noted that under the fund balances, Antonio Trust is called the D'Antonio Trust. Jim stated the budget for next year will be the same. The 2018 budget ends June 30th.
 - d. **FOLOCA:** Marilyn stated that on the 9th two new members were voted in. The secretary for FOLOCA resigned. The revolving account update is: we are getting close to having it established. If passed in May, it will take effect in fiscal 2019. The COA would be responsible for managing the account with the accounting department as oversight. There would be one representative along with Jim when we make use of funds. Phil wondered if we needed two people to attend the FOLOCA meetings? The COA will have input as to how the account will be set up. George noted that Phil, as chair of the finance committee, should be appointed to attend the FOLOCA meetings. A motion to appoint Phil was seconded, all in favor of the motion, a unanimous vote "for". Phil noted that within six months we may be in charge of the revolving account. The Town of Longmeadow will have to fund this account. FOLOCA's role is to raise funds for the council and at this time there is \$121,195 in the account.

- e. **GSSSI:** Did not have a meeting due to weather. Fran noted that 10 months ago the new director took over shifting people around; could be in trouble of losing status of the organization. A question arose as to how to describe protective services? Anyone calling regarding the way people are preyed upon. GSSSI have had the most calls ever, state wide, regarding this problem with the elderly. Robin spoke on bill 82078, construction and rehabilitation of senior centers. The bill has to be brought up by February 7th. It will remain until December of 2019. Another bill number 4001, to reduce up to 50 % of your tax bill age 65 and over. There are towns in Mass doing this at this time. You would be required to qualify for the deduction. She noted that mass health is 41% of the state budget and the state is trying to change this.
- f. **Building Committee:** Tonight a meeting of the committee at the senior center, 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend if possible.
- g. **Program Committee:** Programs for the first six months have been established. On January 24th the start of a music group every Wednesday from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm at the center.
- h. **Advocacy:** Nothing this month.
- i. **Finance Committee:** They have not had a meeting as yet, however, when the meeting takes place Phil will discuss the COA revolving account which will be addressed at the May town meeting; state of the network for 2015 and 2016. Abstract market reach, programming and other trends from across the network of the United States and Canadian senior centers using data from 2015 and a separate report from 2016.

IV. **Old Business:**

- a. A Dementia friendly kick off: Judy passed out a calendar of events to members. Programs will continue after 2019. The kick off was held January 9th at the JGS lifecare.
- b. By laws update: Phil will be getting the bylaws printed.

V. **New Business:** Jim stated he is getting the annual report organized to pass in.

VI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Tyson