

NEWBURYPORT COUNCIL ON AGING

March 20, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Newburyport Council on Aging met on this date at the Salvation Army building.

Vice-Chairperson Charles Carroll called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Carroll	Miller Graf
Jane Kelley	Jo An Kincaid
Cynthia Muir	Frances Reslewic
Jack Ronan	Martha True
Roseann Robillard, Director	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Eaton, Yvonne McQuilkin, Frances Munroe

GUEST: Mary Kelly, Activities Director of the COA

The Secretary's minutes of January 16, 2014, were presented for approval. There being no discussion, it was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: to accept the Secretary's minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2014, as presented.

SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER:

Director Roseanne Robillard and Activities Director Mary Kelly were contacted by Vicki Hendrikson, Director of Adult Education at Newburyport High School, asking to consider collaboration of courses being taught in the COA program and the courses being offered through the Adult Education program being held at the Newburyport High School. Ms. Hendrikson's concern was that the Adult Ed courses are more costly than the courses taught at the COA which are less costly or free. She would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this situation. It was agreed that a round table is needed to plan how the two groups could work together. Question raised: Who will be using the Senior/Community Center?

Discussion.

Miller Graf spoke about the origin of the Senior Center. Roseann explained that the purpose of building the Senior Center was to meet the needs of elder residents between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day and to have all Senior activities under one roof. Cynthia Muir spoke about "mission creep." Roseanne stressed that the Sr. Center was designed to "grow our service programs" and it "needs to be managed properly."

Director Robillard distributed a very detailed floor plan of the new S/C Center including furniture placement of all spaces. Also shown were detailed drawings of the Function Room, LR Display Cases, 2nd Floor Hall, Dining Room, Library, Board Room, Fireplace, Health Room and Art Room. A Daily chart showing hour by hour and day by day suggested program plan for each space in the building was also presented.

Discussion. All agreed that the plan presented is exceptional and very well thought out; i.e. how each space can be utilized in a variety of ways at different times of day.

FRIENDS OF NEWBURYPORT C O A

"Got Books" has been replaced by "Recycle That." There will be a two day event in May underwritten by the Friends for a presentation of Planning for the Final Chapter and Conversing with Loved Ones. Information will be in the next Newsletter.

ACTIVITIES:

Mary Kelly has proposed many new ideas for new programs. The Walking group has 22 – 25 members who have been walking at Latitudes every Tuesday at noon and on May 1st will be moving outside. Ten members are taking part in the bowling group. Knitting has moved to the Anna Jaques Hospital until new Sr. Center is built and a video of babies with their new knitted hats and blankets is showing in the birth center. Upcoming events are Meet the Doctors – a podiatrist will give a lecture on foot care in May. Future Activities - Rubber Stamping, Lunch Group, etc. Watch for coming attractions in the COA newsletter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Robillard reported that there will be a guided tour through Maudslay Gardens in May when flowers are blooming. A guide will be provided. A van will take 14 people at a time – two or more times in a row- in the middle of May and early June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Robillard is working on the budget with Jennifer Lamarre, Human Services Director.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and
VOTED: to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Reslewic, Secretary