

Ludlow Council on Aging
Board Meeting Minutes of 4/19/17

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Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair, Diane Goncalves, followed by roll call.

I Roll Call Present: Lucille Carneiro, John DaCruz, Diane Goncalves, Helen Grabowski, Frank Krzanik, Fred Lafayette, Alfred Lemay, Nancy Pauze, Walter Stewart, Jodi Zepke.

Excused Absent: Roz Forti

II Secretary's Report:

- a. February Minutes: Read and accepted on m/s/c Helen Grabowski and Nancy Pauze.
March meeting snowed out.

III Treasurer's Report:

- a. FY17 Budget: In good shape. Report accepted on m/s/c Al Lemay and Helen Grabowski.

IV Director's Report:

- a. Resignation of Chairman Phil Tierney: Chairman Tierney, tendered his resignation directly to the Board of Selectman, thus they will post that open position. Diane Goncalves moves into Chair position. Working on nominations for next month.
- b. FY18 Budget: Budget level funded...2% added for union contract. Gas line moved to vehicle repairs.
- c. Annual Report: Jodi's report for the Town Annual Report is ready and a copy was presented to each member of the Board.
- d. Explanation of Grants and how spent: Formula Grant is based on senior population of 4750 or \$10 per senior. It covers Naomi's salary, office supplies and furniture. This is state money and lost if not used. Jodi makes every effort to put it to good use and has always been very successful. Title 3 Grant of \$3500 covers snow removal for low income seniors. The program needs overhauling and requires excessive paper work, but Jodi will apply again for the coming winter. All Grants are listed under ECEA on the monthly expense report.
- e. Upcoming projects; Walking program. Pocket Talker for aging seniors. Memory Café - a safe place to come, similar to a support group.
Ceramics room cleared out, roof repaired, walls and ceiling painted creating a brighter and more spacious room that can be used for new programs/activities benefiting all seniors, which is what we are constantly working for. The computer room was likewise revamped...new shelving installed....providing more space for books and movie tapes.
- f. FCBC and Grass Roots updates. Although Building Committee meetings continue every week, they have gone as far as they can and must move forward. We do not own this building, renovations are not an option, there is no parking. Vets Park school was being pushed on us but it is off the table, because it would become a public assembly building with astronomical costs we would be unable to sustain. It can be easily used for offices. Three years already on this project. In order to get on the March 2018 ballot it is essential that all procedures be correct in timing and wording. This is all leading to a necessary presentation by all committees in order to educate the town to what we do here...the services we provide...a grass roots group outside of the senior center with signs in yards and lapel buttons to pique peoples curiosity into asking questions.

V Chairman's Report:

- a. None at this time

VI Old Business:

- a. Outreach Report: Attached
b. Committee Reports: Helen Grabowski reports attendance at meetings of Friends of the Ludlow Senior Center continues to grow.

VII New Business:

- a. Bill signer appointment: It has been determined that 6 signatures on bills is superfluous and one signer will suffice. Council secretary, Lucille Carneiro, has been appointed as the designee signer.

VIII Liaison Corner - Liaison absent


- a. Update on Town Issues

IX School Corner - Liaison - Jeffrey Laing

- a. Update on School Issues: Mr. Laing is the newest member of the Council and will keep us updated on matters pertaining to our local schools. We will be looking forward to his monthly reports.

X Adjournment: Motion by Diane Goncalves to adjourn was 2nd by Helen Grabowski. All in favor:
Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm

Respectfully submitted.


L. Carneiro
Secretary