

4/10/2018 - Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Peter Nordberg, Susan McCarthy, Irene Leddy, Sheila Jones, Fran Lamb, Phil Durno, Lori Durno

The meeting was called to order by Peter Nordberg at 6:02 p.m. at the Town Hall, Main Street, Conference Room A.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Phil Durno to accept the minutes of the last Meeting (March, 2018). Motion seconded by Fran Lamb. All in favor.

III. SIGN VOUCHERS

Vouchers signed

IV. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Outreach report – Phil Durno made a motion to accept the report Fran Lamb seconds. All in favor
Activities Irene Leddy made a comment that she would like to make a public Thank you to Sue Cooney for all the work and efforts she puts in to the Sir. Williams reader. She gets us organized with the schools, gets us the books, and getting us all assigned to where we are supposed to be. It is a lot of work. Thank you Sue Cooney! Phil Durno indicated that we write a thank you letter to Sue signed by all of the Board Members. Phil Durno made a motion to accept the activities report; Fran Lamb seconded the motion, all in favor!

Volunteers report – Phil Durno made a motion to accept the volunteers report, Irene Leddy seconded the motion.

Outreach report- Phil Durno made a motion to accept the outreach report; Fran Lamb seconded the motion, all in favor!

IV.1. Directors Report

Window Coverings have been ordered! There were many additional donations towards the effort and The Friends will have table set up Wednesday the 11th of April for both membership information and any new contributions towards the coverings.

- Parkinson Support Group: Kicked it off last month will convene on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3 pm including tomorrow April 11th.
- Late Date Yoga Classes are going well! We are soliciting feedback from the folks in the Center about other types of classes or sessions that might do well later in the day. Stay tuned.
- Community Choir? Later this week Marcia Slater and I are meeting with a group hoping to start a community choir. Wouldn't that be wonderful?
- Transportation Workshop: Tomorrow April 11th I will be attending a Transportation conference in Worcester at the DCU center. There are 5 + sessions on topics important to the COA and the local community on getting the most and the best out of transportation opportunities.
- Matter of Balance: We have now trained a couple of other Centers. Additionally we will be adding a new class here in the Spring (or the Fall – not quite sure yet!).
- Spa Day was a huge success. I would like to publicly thank all of the partners and vendors for the time and services donated.
- St Patrick's Day dinner was amazing even though we had snow! (but no snakes so that is good). Chef did a fantastic job!
- Changing the Newsletter: This is huge. For years and years we have had the ugliest, hardest to work with, corrupted, far too large file-size Publisher version of a Newsletter. I have hated working with it since the first day I started here. Margie has taken on the task of replacing it with something new and better. More to come!
- The Kitchen Hoods have been cleaned - which is done every 6 months. We are also streamlining

some of that kind of work with one partner soon. Also – some building repairs are starting this week; minor ones but needed.

• Candidates Night this is this Thursday April 12th at 7pm. We have several folks coming in. Take the opportunity to meet, support or if you like, grill, these candidates! Be part of the process!
Appreciation: just personal thanks to staff and all the folks at the center that I was able to take a little vacation last week with my sisters in Florida. Been a long time and it was great to see that things were really good while I was gone.

Comments on minutes, Bob Newton asked to have Dinner announced at meeting.

Phil Durno announced that we had our first Cribbage meet and there was a large turnout but it would be nice to have more people. It takes place the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee. You do have to know how to play.

Lori Durno made a motion to accept the Directors report, Phil Durno Seconded the motion.

IV.2. Friends Report

Bob Newton – We now have extra boxes for recycle bottom batteries out across the town of Pepperell. They are located at the Senior center, the Town Recycle center, Duncan donuts, Pepperell Family Pharmacy, Post Office,, Breen's, Charlottes, Seven Eleven and Donavan's. The donation of these batteries helps fund seniors in need and the upkeep of the Senior Center.

The friend's dues are now due. We have not raised the dues for a long time. Dues are a must for us to provide the funding for seniors and certain projects that we fund now. I urge you all to become a member of the fiends and to actively support the friend's endeavors. Dues are \$7.00 for single person and \$ 12.00 for a couple. Irene Leddy made a motion to accept the Friends report, Sheila Jones seconded the motion, all in favor.

V. Other Matters That May Arise That The Chair Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

Peter wanted to remind everyone of upcoming events; Cribbage which Phil announced earlier, Bone Builders is going wild. There was a discussion regarding training for Bone Builders.

Bob Newton indicates a lot of events coming up. Memorial Day and Susan has some events coming up, Car show, a discussion took place about Memorial Day Ceremony. Bob Newton reminded all of the election coming up and a discussion took place regarding housing for seniors needed in town. It was indicated that this discussion should take place at the Meeting for Building Committee Lawrence Library April 16.

VI. COMMENTS

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting May 8, at 6:00

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Sheila Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting Phil Durno seconds the motion. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Sheila Jones

Council on Aging, Secretary