

Danvers Council on Aging
Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2017

Present: Bob King, Bob Sosnowski, John Keohane, Geri Cosgrove, Kathy Sheridan and Pam Parkinson.

Excused: Marge Leonard, Larry Chisholm, Don Gates & Joe Palmer

Minutes of January 19, 2017 were reviewed. Geri Cosgrove moved to accept the minutes. John Keohane seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fiscal Update:

Transportation – \$400 deposit in revenue from December-January. Why such a huge difference. Ending Balance – about \$9000 between December/January.

Revolving - \$1500 down since December. Revenue up \$10,000.

Old Business:

Voted to begin charging fee to make up losses in transportation revolving. Town Management didn't approve. They felt better to increase the donation but not make it mandatory. Finance Director met with Friends board regarding 20% grant. Long conversation – Agreed to split with town.

Due to increased maintenance with older vans – paying ½ Lorene's salary out of transportation revolving so we could have a receptionist.

Going from \$2 round trip to \$3 round trip (in town). From \$4 round trip to \$5 round trip (out of town).

Bob King motion to keep same fee rate but to be called a donation.

Lorene tells what fee is. Bob feels 90% don't make a donation. Signs? Drivers to mention we are donation based. Bob asked for breakdown.

Setup Timely Topic regarding transportation program. Message board on bus – John thinks too tough for drivers to say things. Vessel for people to put money in. Bob said analysis – Pam said meeting, signage. letter for drivers to give out, newsletter, etc. Increase in a donation. Motion by Bob King, John Keohane seconded. Going with increase in donation.

Supported Day – 13 attendees some days. Following lead – overbook. Always a cancel.

Missing man – a client of ours got out at 6pm. Found at 5am. He was found at gas station behind Wal-Mart in a van. Back this week. Now he is exhibiting inappropriate behavior. He is cancelled for Thursdays because it is over stimulating for him.

Henry's – slow night. Weather a possibility. Mike does a great job. Pat & Jim come.

New Business:

Volunteer driver program is picking up. Currently have 4 drivers.

Accreditation Meeting – Pretty good turnout. We had 30 people. Some chose committees – others said they would fill in. Disappointed that not all departments came in to help. Going to go thru and figure where people need to be. Sent summary of each standard. Karen Nelson brought up today at staff meeting. Brad Hunt & Salem 5 want to know what they can do. Heritage fund grant Pam to apply towards a new van. Also asked regarding fiscal standard on a good path.

Budget meeting Saturday 3/4 at 4:30pm. All are welcome to join in Toomey room before selectmen. Pam did update and Town Appropriation: 36%, Transportation 15%, Programs 19%, Federal Grants 6%, State Grants 8%, Pillsbury/Friends 8%. Total \$701,000. \$253,000 from Town.

Fin Comm. always says about the Planning Department that we do the most with the least amount.

Bob Sosnowski asked if this chart was done every year to see how it has gone down. Include chart with minutes.

Directors Report:

Monday closed. Friday Polish Day. ¾ All Day Driver Training. 3/15 St. Patrick's Day party. Guinness Beef Stew on the 17th.

Friends of the DCOA Report:

The FDCOA board agreed to give DCOA \$7,000 towards a new purchase of a van.

Participants Meeting:

Committee members are happy with the bathroom doors.

North Shore Elder Services:

Marge Leonard in Florida. Regarding nutrition – rumor taking over everyone by October. Pam met with NSES Lisa Orgettas. No changes in horizon. Big meeting in March. John going back on committee. Pam feels there could be a way to do it locally.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

Geri Cosgrove motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Sheridan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 3pm.

Submitted by:

Geri Cosgrove, Secretary

