

Lunenburg Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

*Minutes Approved at the 11/9/10
COA Meeting*

October 12, 2010

Welcome: Pete Lincoln, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:34a.m.

Present: Peter Lincoln, (Chairperson), Doreen Noble (Director), Mary Lynn Conrad (Vice-Chair Person), Jane Doyle, Sis Montouri, Deb Seeley, Jim Hays, Sandy Flanagan, Barbara Brown, and Fred Crellin.

Excused: Joyce Wass, Susan Doherty (Admin. Asst.) on vacation

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 14, 2010 minutes. All approved, motion carried.

Director's Report:

Finance-Informational Report

Doreen circulated three lists: COA Board members and Staff Directory, FY11 COA Subcommittees, and COA Selectmen Appointees. Members reviewed and updated lists.

The Director reported on a recent meeting with the Lion's Club, concerning donation of grill for Appreciation Barbecue. The Lion's Club wants to keep a good relationship with the Eagle House; although one member wanted to charge a fee for use of the grill. The lion's Club stated that an apology letter would be forthcoming. A grill was borrowed from the Fire Department for the function.

Doreen recently attended the MCOA Mass State COA Convention; at which she met with other Directors and attended some informative seminars on Visiting Nurses, Health Care Reform, Substance Abuse, Walk-away Project, Best Practices on Transportation, and Spiritual Issues at the End of Life. CD's on death and dying issues are available for use.

Kudos to Sue Doherty! The annual report is finished and there were many new and innovative programs. All state paperwork is completed for formula grant to fund outreach worker, Meals on Wheels, etc.

Doreen reported that she has met with Joann Champa to set up an appointment to begin the process of applying for a new town van. Doreen has procured 3 vans successfully in the past. The process takes from 3-5 years.

Several grants were written for cultural enhancement. We hope to get the Mood Swing Orchestra and perhaps a folk singer for St. Patrick's Day.

At the MCOA Conference Doreen found that the Eagle House is very active compared to some Senior Centers in the state. We do a lot with very little money. She brought up some possible programs for the coming year: Gray-Belts, Zen-gevity (Yoga and Buddhist Meditation). Rochester has a "Ye Olde Breakfast Shoppe" open to the community from 7:00-9:00a.m. Food for thought.

Doreen asked to meet with the Finance Subcommittee prior to the next meeting. A meeting time was set up.

General Discussion:

Fred Crellin asked about the Spaghetti Supper on October 20. Volunteers were asked to contact Linda Halligan.

Jim Hays questioned the fact that Sue Doherty keeps track of the number of people who attend programs and events. Doreen answered that the reason is for financial staffing time and to keep track of what we are doing in this facility.

Fred Crellin and Sis Montouri have driven by Pearl Brook and report major improvements.

Pete asked how Eagle House custodial service is working out. Doreen reported we really need a custodian. Staff members continue to move furniture and set up for every event.

Old Business: Parking Lot Update

Final approval of design is finished and being submitted for block grant.

New Business: There was no new business discussed at the Oct. 12 meeting.

Committee Reports: Sandra Flanagan was added to the following COA sub-committees: Board Development & ByLaws.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Events: See attached agenda.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All approved and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:21a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Lynn Conrad, Vice Chairperson*

