

Holland Council on Aging

Holland Community/Senior Center
40 Brimfield Road
Holland, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meeting - December 13, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:20 by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Board Members in attendance: Chris Haller, *Chairperson*; Tina Rootes-Hunter, *Vice Chairperson*; Linda Racine, *Secretary*; Sue Sanders, *Treasurer*; Jack Reed, *Member*; Cindi Harris, *Member*; Fran Gallo, *Member*.

Other: Paula Bak, Community Center Coordinator; Deb Tierney, *Outreach Worker*; Deb O'Connor, *Community Center Staff*; John Senseman, *Volunteer*.

Secretary's Report

No meeting minutes available for November meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Outreach Report

Discussion of senior van needs and management. Elderbus only provides transportation to Worcester County locations with the exception of dialysis appointments in Palmer. Research will be done on how other towns manage ridership and insurance requirements. Our current senior companion driver may no longer be available.

Report Filed.

Coordinator's Report

Attendance is diminished because summer people have returned to Florida.

The Irish Duo is not available for a March performance. Instead Paula is requesting \$200.00 for a performance by Clyde - Music with Panache on St. Patrick's Day.

Motion by Cindi Harris to approve up to \$200.00 for Clyde - Music with Panache

Second by Fran Gallo

Motion passed.

DJ Dan Webster, approved in a previous meeting will perform in May.

Request from Paula Bak for a bus trip to Bright Nights. Dan Sullivan would provide the bus and driver for a total of \$870.00, \$150.00 for the bus and \$720.00 for 40 riders. The council decided it was too late to promote the trip this year, but it will be considered for next year with advanced planning.

The morning yoga class has not been popular so it will be replaced in January with a class using balls, weights and exercise bands.

Request from Paula Bak for \$250.00 for Vic and Sticks Music and Comedy Show for a birthday lunch.

Motion by Linda Racine to approve \$250.00 for Vic and Sticks

Second by Cindi Harris

Motion passed.

Request from Paula Bak for up to \$100.00 to purchase decorations for the Center.

Motion by Tina Rootes-Hunter to approve up to \$100.00 for decorations.

Second by Fran Gallo.

Motion passed.

Report Filed.

Old Business

John Senseman's appointment to the Council on Aging will be on the Selectman's agenda for December 20.

The Annual Report needs to be completed in March.

A Budget Proposal was made to amend the Printing and Mailing proposal to \$1500.00 because we lost two advertisers for the new year.

Accomplishments and Objectives were reviewed and discussed. The report needs to be completed in January.

The Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off was discussed. According to Fran Gallo the hourly rate will increase to \$11.00 an hour in 2017. The total amount per year the town allows is \$1000.00.

The Holland Senior Walking Club meeting time will be changed to Tuesdays at 4:00 pm rain or shine. In bad weather a walking dvd will be used inside the center.

New Business

There is a grant available from the Arthritis Foundation for \$7000.00 to certify an instructor and purchase materials for exercise classes. A 501c organization needs to sponsor the grant. The Friends of the Trails Committee in Brimfield is willing to be the sponsor with a collaboration between the Brimfield and Holland for this program. Chris and Dick Haller will write the grant proposal. Chris will send a letter of intent to apply to the Arthritis Foundation.

Motion to adjourn by Tina Rootes-Hunter.

Second by Cindi Harris.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am by Chris Haller, *Chairperson*.

Next COA Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:15 am.