

Council on Aging Meeting
November 6, 2001

Members in Attendance:
Arletta Cioffari-Chairperson
Beverly Guild-Secretary
Clay Allen
Joe Bausk
Catherine Kuras

Also Attending:
Ruth Griesel-Director
June Allen

The meeting came to order at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as corrected.

Director's Report-Ruth Griesel

- Ruth reported that programs are going well. Two struggling classes (Tai Chi and Tap) are picking up.
- The Korean War Event was a success. Ruth thanked Clay for the good job on tickets and name tags. Clay also did the Strutters tickets and the flyer for the Bazaar.
- The Community Summit will be next Tuesday with a wide range of groups contributing to town spirit. Ruth wanted some members of the C.O.A. to go.
- Air conditioning for the kitchen-after a meeting with Art Richard, Ron felt that an air handler is sufficient, which would cost under \$3,000. The budget will also be presented to the Town Manager on November 9th (which includes this item).

Baypath Board-Louise O'Connor

- The Breakfast Meeting was held at the Radison on October 19, 2001, and was well attended. The food was good, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Although, Lillian Glickman was unable to attend, BayPath's own President, Fran Klempher, picked up the gauntlet and carried on admirably. Guest speaker Helen Heinimen, President of Framingham State College, was most refreshing and interesting. BayPath's meeting on October 24, 2001, was mostly involved with the yearly audit and according to the Auditor seems to be holding its own.

Finance (Quarterly Reports)-Ruth Griesel

- Ruth passed out the reports. We have a good surplus, and it was suggested that perhaps we should put money into money market accounts. The reports were accepted with one correction (a typo error) and one question which Ruth will look into.

Accreditation-Cioffari/Bausk/Mann/Griesel

- The Steering Committee had another meeting and decided upon individuals they wish to be chairpersons for each of the nine subcommittees. The Steering Committee will have another meeting next Tuesday at 4 pm. A meeting will be planned with newly selected chairpersons at that time. The self examination will take place over many months, and then it will be decided if we want to go for accreditation. Ruth also has a disc for the subcommittees to use.

Tax Relief Committee-Ruth Griesel

- Judy and Ruth met with Susan Pope. There will be two initiatives-one local, and one statewide. It is hoped to put the words “up to 8%” for the amount the towns can charge. This will allow the towns to vote what they want. (We would like 4%) This is being amended by the House lawyer and also Paul Kenny in Sudbury. We plan to ask that this be put in a warrant article. (The deadline for this is December 31st)

Spirituality/Saging Workshop-Kuras/Guild/Griesel

- The program will be held this Thursday (Nov.8th). The “Friends” have voted to subsidize whatever expenses are not covered by the amount charged for the program. We expect to have a good menu from Sudbury Farms.

Auditing of Financial Statements-Ruth Griesel

- No report was available.

“Friends”-Ruth Griesel (for Ken Clark)

- The “Friends” voted to subsidize the Spirituality program if needed. Newly redesigned sweatshirts and T-shirts will be available for the Bazaar. We needed to do this quickly because the new Osco Drug Store wanted the franchise. The “Friends” will meet this Thursday. Judy Deutsch has written a new fundraising letter.

Holiday Crafts Bazaar

- Martha Dow has made arrangements with students from the Curtis Middle School to do face painting and games. Steve LeBonte will entertain. Ron will do the popcorn. Ruth will let other members know if they are needed. Perhaps we will be needed to bake cookies.

Senior Strutters Show

- It has been reported that the show is terrific. Ken has sold a lot of ads.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly B. Guild, Secretary