

Council on Aging Meeting
October 2, 2001

Members in Attendance:
Arletta Cioffari-Chairperson
Beverly Guild-Secretary
Joe Bausk
Ron Riggert
Catherine Kuras
Judy Deutsch

Also Attending:
Ruth Griesel-Director
Ken Clark-"Friends"
Andy Swartz-L/S School Comm.
Eileen Glovsky-L/S School Comm.

The meeting came to order at 7:10 p.m.

Andy Swartz-Lincoln/Sudbury School Committee

- Andy reported that an increase in high school enrollment at the end of the decade is expected to be 1850, not 1700 as planned. Therefore, the building has been redesigned, and the cost will be 73.9 million not 70 million. This means that the Town will have to approve this at Town Meeting. However, because of the increase in enrollment, the State will reimburse at a higher rate, and there will be no increase in what Sudbury taxpayers must pay. Also in view of the change in the economic situation, we may be able to get better bids. Groundbreaking is expected in April.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as written.

Director's Report-Ruth Griesel

- Ruth reported that the China trip was a very good trip and a very good value. Everyone on the trip was stunned by the September 11th events. Judy Deutsch was able to reflect on appropriate things, and this was very helpful. In Beijing, they were able to get American newspapers. Carmel worked very hard on the trip.
- The budget forms from Maureen are due on November 2nd. Regarding the Senior Aide Program-Jean Taylor is paid through a Federal Program (SMOC). When instituted, this was meant to be a training program, and the position picked up by the employer. The Federal government is getting serious about keeping this as a training program. The question was asked as to whether or not we should put this into our budget as a

contracted service. A motion was made and carried that we put this position into our budget. Regarding the expense line item, we are asking for an increase to \$7500. The copier is the biggest expense and postage is going up. Repairs for equipment are also frequently needed. A hearing before Maureen Valente and the Chief Financial Officer of the Town will be held on Friday, November 9th.

- There will be a Community Summit by the Board of Selectmen on November 6th or November 13th to bring together a wide range of groups and individuals who are responsible for planning and providing community based activities for residents of Sudbury. We may have to change our meeting date depending on when the Town schedules their meeting. We feel at this meeting we should emphasize: our wonderful Center, health promotion, cultural programs, games such as Bridge, our meal program, educational programs, and the fact that people can come to the Center for a variety of programs. We know we need to improve our visibility.
- The BayPath breakfast will be held on Friday October 19th. Ruth asked if some members of the COA would sign up to go with her. Ruth also reported that an article in the Globe stated that in Sudbury the elderly population in 2000 was 2567, and that in 2010 it will be 3674.

Baypath Board –Louise O’Connor

- The BayPath Board Meeting will take place this month at the Mission Spring Housing for the Elderly, located on 100 Summer St., Holliston, MA. BayPath has supported this facility from its inception.

Accreditation-Cioffari/Bausk

- A meeting was held with co-chairs Carol Oram and Ed Ross. A list of appropriate names for committees has been drawn up. The committee is going to Danvers to get information. It is expected there will be 8 committees. Everything is coming along well.

Intergenerational Update-Ruth Griesel

- Things are going well. Training was held yesterday and 20 people attended. There will be another training tomorrow. The school department is happy with the program.

Tax Relief Committee-Riggert/Deutsch

- The Committee members will be meeting on October 15th to plan our state and local approaches. We will schedule a meeting with Susan Pope to determine how to move forward the local option bill on the State level. Also, we must find out from the Selectmen’s office when (and in what form) the warrant article is due in order to be considered at the Spring Town Meeting. The C.O.A. members felt that time was running out and that we needed to move on these items quickly.

Spirituality/Saging-Kuras/Guild

- The program is ready to go. We will make provisions for those who cannot make the whole day. The \$400 requested for the program from the “Friends” was questioned by the “Friends”. They asked if the COA is willing to give support to

this program. The C.O.A. felt we will get the money for this program from participant fees.

Auditing of Financial Statements-Riggert

- Ron and Ruth met with Joel Aronson, CPA. They are waiting for a proposal from him. The Sudbury Senior Activities, Inc. is a “pass through account”, set up about 5 years ago because the “Friends” had asked that we have our own account. The Sudbury Senior Activities, Inc. has its own Bylaws. This could be misleading. We need to look into this with Joel because the officers don’t have much to do with the Senior Center. They meet once a year. This will be addressed in the Accreditation Process.

“Friends”-Ken Clark

- There was no summer meeting. A September 13th meeting was held. \$600 was donated to FISH. Clark Taylor is looking over the books.
- On November 17th the Strutters will present: “As Time Goes By”. The Craft Fair will also be held on November 17th. On October 12th tickets for “As Time Goes By” will be ready.
- The T-shirt profit is \$4044. A committee has been formed to order new re-designed T-shirts.
- It was voted to turn the surplus \$4000.00 of trip money over to the C.O.A. for the Bridges Account.
- Fund Raising Activity-this is centered around forming a committee. Thursday, October 11th will be the next meeting.

Old Business

- Air Conditioning in the Kitchen: Ruth submitted an amount of \$12,000 to the Town to be put into the capital budget for FY2003. Ron agreed to look into this amount. Actually we got an estimate of from 8 to 12 K.
- Pancake Breakfast: \$2770 was taken in with a net profit of over \$2600. Thank you to all who helped.
- Holiday Crafts Bazaar: We need to find an entertainer. Ruth will look into procuring Steve LaBonte.. Ron agreed to rent the popcorn machine. Maybe we can get face painters, as that usually goes over very well. We also decided we would try to get cookies, which kids could decorate. We felt this to be a better idea than candy.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly B. Guild, Secretary

