

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING

Thursday, August 12 1999

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Grace Goveia Building, Dining Room, 26 Alden Street

Members present: Marge Perry, Gladys Johnstone, Ray Sparks, Anita Berman, Diane Corbo and Pat Benatti

Members absent: Robert Gerard called in his absence.

Friends present: Vern Wilson, Irma Aho

Meeting convened at 3:10 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted as written.
2. Director's Report: Pat Benatti has offered a tree in tier father'' memory to replace the dead tree in front.

There may be some controversy because some people feel the present tree is not dead. Diane suggested a letter of appreciation to Dick Snell for his 6 years of service to the COA Board. The COA building has janitorial problems. With Brother Costa out, Michael Andrews is giving two hours to do basic services but it's not enough to get floors done, especially the kitchen floor. Would the Friends consider a stipend for a senior to do some inside painting, like doors and trim? The Pied Piper Volleyball Tournament netted \$850 for the Friends. The white van is being used a lot for various senior errands.

3. Friends' Report: Vern said it was a very quiet month and he had nothing to report.
4. Old Business: Ray reported that a new phone system will be put in the Town Hall and Grace Goveia Building and the system will include voice mail. The bids for the tilt windows and painting the building came in too high so the town will readvertise. Mrs. Berman suggested if the bids are too high, then do half the building this year and the other half next year. She also suggested the Board write letters to Mr. Marino, the high school principal, and to the Lions Club regarding help with the inside painting of the Grace Goveia Building. A motion was made by Ray to write the letters. Marge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was a discussion on the MFA membership. It was decided to put it on hold until the next meeting. If the membership is renewed, it was suggested it be done under the Friends of the COA,
5. New Business: Mrs. Berman made the motion to send a letter of appreciation to Dick Snell. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Regarding janitorial services, it was suggested the Board put in a separate article for the regular town meeting for full time janitorial services for the Grace Goveia Building.
6. Miscellaneous: Mrs. Berman is trying to work out a schedule with the VFW for our Fall Supper fundraiser. Another possible fundraiser would be selling chair pads at town meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, September 9, 1999.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 P.M. by Chairperson Anita Berman.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Benatti, Secretary