

**MINUTES OF THE GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING**  
**August 9, 2007**

Members present: William Drago, Chair, William Cutler, Vice-Chair, Marcella Benoit, Secretary, Shirley Antaya, Barbara Gardner, Rev. Phil Goff, Chet Jakubiak, Winifred Paul

Members absent: Phyllis Brown, Doris Fowler

Also present: Michelle Drumm, Senior Center Director  
Roland Richard, FOGE President  
Judy Dennis, Guest

Bills were signed by all members present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M.

William Drago introduced Judy Dennis who is coordinating the Senior Center talent show on November 2, 2007. She is requesting the entertainers be given a free meal by the Friends group which is putting on a meal prior to the show. William Drago referred her questions to Roland Richard, Friend's President. The price is set at \$6.00 per person for a meal on November 2, 2007. Rules regarding this type of issue were explained by Roland Richard. Michelle Drumm stated FOGE is a for profit organization and is having this dinner as a fund raiser for the Friends. Pros and cons discussed by members present. William Drago and Michelle Drumm requested Judy Dennis give them a head count of entertainers for November 2, 2007 show. Judy Dennis later requested pretzels and drinks for her entertainers, instead of the meal. Michelle Drumm agreed the Senior Center will provide said requested snacks.

The Secretary's report was read by Marcella Benoit. Motion to accept as read was made by Rev. Goff, seconded by Winifred Paul. So moved.

The Director's/Financial Report was reviewed by Michelle Drumm. Motion to accept as reviewed by Rev. Goff, seconded by Chet Jakubiak.

Correspondence – Chet Jakubiak has agreed to continue as a board member of Elder Services of Worcester for the coming year, per request letter from Lou Swan, Executive Director of Worcester Elder Services.

Discussion by Chairman, William Drago. The Town Administrator approved hiring for three vacancies. Winifred Paul made a motion to send a letter of thanks to the Town Administrator, seconded by Shirley Antaya. So moved. The vacancies filled are as follows:

1. Barbara Connelly – clerical in Senior Office
2. Anthony Merenda – Outreach Worker
3. Sandra Pichette – Activities Coordinator

They will start in September 2007. Tim Brady remains a volunteer with the Shine Program.

It was also discussed that thank you notes be sent to former employees, Tim Brady and Lisa McGriff, who have quit as well as to the Grafton Police Department for permitting COA and FOGE to participate in the Grafton Night Out Event.

**FOGE Report**

- There will be a supper on November 2, 2007 from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. Tickets will be \$6.00 each with a limit of 50 tickets. Chicken a la King will be served.

- Lee Bartlett's groups will be doing two performances at the Senior Center this fall. FOGE will discuss payment of their lunches at the meeting this evening.
- Dues will increase as of 2008. It will be \$7.00 for a single member, \$10 for a couple. FOGE plans to send letters to all members as well as advertise in the Senior Gazette and Grafton News.
- There are 32 reservations for supper this evening.
- Roland Richard has been placing copies of the Senior Gazette in St. James Church. People are taking them.
- Birthday Lunch Celebrations. There were two in June, and one in July. A memo will be placed in the Senior Gazette.

Shirley Antaya made a motion to acknowledge FOGE update. Barbara Gardner seconded. So moved.

Michelle Drumm discussed asking high school students to co-sponsor a Senior Prom. More information coming.

Motion to adjourn was made by Winifred Paul, seconded by Rev. Goff. So moved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. The next meeting will be September 13, 2007 in the Craft Room of the Grafton Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Benoit  
Secretary