

MINUTES OF THE GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING
May 14, 2009

Members present: William Drago, Chairman, William Cutler, Vice-Chairman, Marcella Benoit, Secretary, Phyllis Brown, Barbara Gardner, Rev. Phil Goff, and Winifred Paul

Members absent: Chet Jakubiak

Also present: Michelle Drumm, Senior Center Director
Roland Richard, FOGE President
Robert Richard, Guest Senior Advocate

Bills were signed by all members present.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by William Drago, Chairman.

No meeting was held on April 12, 2009 as unable to obtain quorum.

Robert Richard discussed the article "Giggles" in the Senior Gazette. The Town Administrator, Tim McInerney, had inquired with Michelle about the jokes in the Gazette. He was concerned they may be a bit racy. Mr. Richard stated the majority of seniors look forward to them. It was the consensus of the COA that the jokes were acceptable and would continue. It was stated the jokes can do more good than nitroglycerine.

William Drago thanked all COA members for coming to this meeting.

The Secretary's Report was reviewed by members present. A motion to accept as written was made by Rev. Phil Goff, seconded by Phyllis Brown. So moved.

The Directors/Financial Report was reviewed by Michelle Drumm. A motion to accept this report as given was made by William Cutler, seconded by Winifred Paul. So moved.

Michelle Drumm gave an overview of elder abuse, especially as senior's physical, mental, and emotional conditions deteriorate. There is also financial exploitation frequently. Self neglect is shown by the elder not taking care of him/herself. Examples of all forms of abuse were noted – sexual, physical, emotional, financial, and self neglect, so that COA members, who are leaders, are informed and aware.

Status of AED discussed. Michelle Drumm states she checks it daily. The green light means all systems go. The red light means the AED needs attention. It was suggested there be some documentation of these checks.

FOGE Update:

- The fuel drive this year was \$6095.
- A list of the names of people who have not paid their 2008 dues will be given to Lorrie Picotte. These people will probably not receive the Senior Gazette effective September 2009.
- Monthly supper @ 5:15 p.m.; monthly meeting @ 6:30 p.m. tonight

A motion to acknowledge FOGE update was made by Rev. Phil Goff, seconded by Barbara Gardner. So moved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Gardner, seconded by William Cutler. So moved. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the craft room of the Grafton Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella Benoit, Secretary