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MINUTES

GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING  
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A meeting of the GRAFTON COUNCIL ON AGING was held on January 12, 2023, in the Grafton Senior Center TV room.

Members present were William Cutler, Chairman, June Enos, Vice Chairwoman, Ann Allia, Eliza Sharrah, Annette McCarthy

Absent: Peter Shay

Also present: Shannon Smith, Senior Center Director, and FOGÉ President John Cameron

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by William Cutler, Chairman

All members present reviewed the Secretary's minutes of November 22, 2022. A motion to accept as written was made by Ann Allia and seconded by Eliza Sharrah. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

Chairman Bill Cutler announced that Nina Whiting had resigned from the COA. After discussion it was decided to put an advertisement in the next newsletter for a new member.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Shannon Smith reported on activities scheduled for the future, including the new additions of line dancing and karaoke. Plans for the upcoming birthday lunches were reviewed. **Stop & Shop** has given us a generous contribution to help defray the cost. **Goretti's** will be supplying food for the February luncheon. Other vendors were discussed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The monthly bills were reviewed. The Council requested a more detailed financial statement in the future, including all income and expenses. Suggestions were made on possibly lowering some costs. The Director will review the suggestions.

A motion to accept the Director's reports was made by Annette McCarthy and seconded by June Enos. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

**FOGÉ UPDATE :** John Cameron was congratulated on becoming the new FOGÉ President after Marsha Platt's recent resignation. John mentioned that they are looking for more Board members. A joint advertisement in the next newsletter and some social media sites will ask for more volunteers. A motion to accept the FOGÉ report was made by Eliza Sharrah and seconded by Ann Allia. All voted in favor. There were no nays or abstentions.

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NEW BUSINESS: June Enos presented suggestions for more day and overnight trips to the Director and a discussion followed. Annette mentioned suggestions by existing seniors for future activities. One of these is a self defense class for seniors. The Director will contact the local Police Department to see if they can assist us in this. The Director will review the other suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS: June Enos followed up with the Town Administrator, Evan Brassard, on whether adding air conditioning to the gym was possible. Evan advised her that the cost was prohibitive and there were other projects that needed to be done first with the monies available.

An update was requested on whether the Board of Health will be giving flu shots to seniors in the future. Ann Allia mentioned that UMASS is conducting a study and giving free Pfizer flu shots to seniors.

A motion to adjourn was made by June Enos and seconded by Eliza Sharrah. There were no nays or abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Grafton Senior Center Craft Room

Respectfully submitted,



Annette McCarthy  
Secretary