



TOWN OF HOLDEN MASSACHUSETTS

COUNCIL ON AGING

Louise Charbonneau
Director

HOLDEN COUNCIL ON AGING ***Thursday, June 6, 2019*** ***Conference Room – Senior Center***

Present: Susan Sullivan, Richard Mansfield, Wayne Howard, Faye Ellis,
Eric Johansen, Louise Charbonneau, Maureen Buffone.

The Meeting was called to order by Susan Sullivan at 8:05 a.m.
The minutes from the meeting of April 4, 2019 were unanimously approved.

F.H.C.O.A. REPORT

Faye reported the Friends account balances as follows:

Leominster Credit Union	\$20,952.90
Leominster Credit Union (furnishings acct.)	\$ 1,859.18
Leominster Credit Union C.D.	\$26,105.78
LCU Trip Account	\$ 7,873.15

Faye also reported the following:

The Friends will be holding a flea market at Holden Days on August 24th.

The senior prom was well attended with 115 seniors attending.

The Oriol Health Expo was very successful. The Friends collected \$110.00 in memberships.

The trip coordinators changed agencies from Fox to Best of Times and have two (2) trips filled.

The two school buses for the 3rd grade students from Mayo School were paid for from a donation from Leominster Credit Union, which was initiated by Wayne Howard. They have been very supportive. The Friends contributed \$1,000.00 toward Clare's programs for fiscal year 2020.

The website has been status quo.

Suzanne Kasperson is working on an Excel program so that the Friends' membership and newsletter mailing lists can be combined. Suzanne does not get paid for the work that she has been doing and should be compensated in some way.

The Friends will be purchasing a lap top computer so that Suzanne can transfer the Friends lists and programs to their own computer.

The Friends donated \$250.00 in memory of Barbara Anger who passed away in May.

The next Friends' meeting will be held on September 9th.

HELP AT H.O.M.E. REPORT

Louise passed out the accountant's report showing a Welcome Aldrich balance of \$20,841.53 and a Help at H.O.M.E. balance of \$53,787.62. Louise has asked for a monthly report from the accountant, so that she can report the activity to the Board.

BOARD OF ELDER SERVICES REPORT ~ Richard Mansfield

Rick is currently serving on the Finance Committee and Investment Committee of Elder Services and has been attending their meetings.

Elder Services is in the process of reviewing the bids for catering the MOW and Congregate meals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ~ Louise Charbonneau

MAY EVENTS

Monday, May 6 ... Free Legal Clinic

... Elder Law for Singles – Estate Planning Is Not Just for Couples

Wednesday, May 8 ... Mabel and Jerry – Obstacles to the Altar - This program was supported in part by the Holden Cultural Council which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We sincerely thank them.

Thursday, May 9 ... Improving and Maintaining Your Balance ... A new weekly class offered by Marty French Thursdays from 12:45-1:50. Class is free of charge.

Tuesday, May 14 ... Malnutrition in Elders

Wednesday, May 15 ... Greendale Men's Chorus Concert

Wednesday, May 22 ... Magic for Elders ... Although the show was titled Magic for Seniors, we did have several young children and their parents in attendance.

JUNE EVENTS

Wednesday, June 5 ... Pen Pal Farewell ... 1:30 p.m. ... This is our annual end of the year Pen Pal event. The students will arrive on busses and will be here approximately an hour. Parking will be at a premium so feel free to ride with a friend. If you CANNOT attend, please call Maureen at 508-210-5570 such we can arrange for someone to sit with your Pen Pal.

Monday, June 10 ... Free Legal Clinic ... 10:30-12:15 ... Atty. Arthur Bergeron from the law firm of Mirick O'Connell will be here to offer free 15 minute legal consultations. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 508-210-5570. Sorry, no walk-ins.

... A Concert by the Good Tymes Banjo Band ... 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 ... Home Cooked Lunch ... 12:00 p.m. ... The Staff is headed back into the kitchen to prepare another delicious lunch of a pulled pork sandwich; chips; cole slaw; pickles; beverage and what we're certain will be a yummy dessert. Reservations are a requirement and will be accepted through Friday, June 7 or until we reach capacity. Cost for the lunch of \$4.00/person payable the day of the lunch. Please call 508-210-5570 to make your reservation. Lunch will be served at noon.

Monday, June 17 ... Two Horns Are Better than One ... 1:00 p.m. ... Join us for this special concert featuring songs from the American Song Book (i.e., Gershwin, Cole Porter, etc.). Our performers are Steve Wilish and John Murname who are part of the Wachusett Community Band. Call 508-210-5570 to reserve your seat!

Thursday, June 20 ... Book Discussion Group ... 10:00 ... The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter by Hazel Gaynor.

VAN DRIVERS

We have FINALLY filled our open driver's positions. Our new drivers are Katherine LePain who is driving the town van Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Lisa Larson who is handling the driving on Mondays and Fridays.

GRANT TRAINING

Later this month, Louise and Maureen will find their way to Northbridge to attend grant training. These trainings are offered by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and facilitated by Emmett Schmarsow. Basically, Emmett will go over any changes that are being made in the preparation of next year's Formula Grant. He will also go over any changes in the preparation of this year's annual report.

SOME THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER

Wednesday, July 10 ... Coffee with your Veterans Agent (Continental Breakfast) ... 10:15-11:30
Monday, July 15 ... Morocco in Pictures w/Ron Rosenstock ... 1:00
Monday, July 22 ... ZENTANGLE class w/Mary Shepherd ... 1:00
Monday, August 12 ... Wachusett Community Band Concert ... 1:00
Wednesday, August 14 ... Annual Cookout ... 12:00
Monday, August 19 ... Eleanor Roosevelt presentation w/Carol Cohen ... 1:00
Thursday, August 22 ... Concert w/Bill Sbrogna and the Main Event ... 12:45
Wednesday, August 28 ... Happiness is Chocolate with John Goodhile ... 1:00

NUMBERS FROM APRIL AND MAY

Legal Presentation - #1 30/1 and #2 21
Restoring the Quabbin Eagle Population – 105/2
Theatre in America – 24/1
Volunteer Recognition – 83/5
Senior Prom – 113 (Holden 51)
Greendale Men's Chorus – 30/1
Mabel and Jerry – 56
Magic for Seniors - 30

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on the survey results and perhaps meeting in the summer to plan ahead for fall. Wayne suggested that making comments next to the survey comments could be helpful. Eric feels that the survey is a great resource and should be referred to frequently.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Buffone