



Town of Wakefield

Board Members

Flo Calore
Tom Coffin
Elizabeth Ellis
Heather Hansson
Maureen Hickey
Maureen Howlett
Susan Jepson

Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Wakefield Town Hall 1 Lafayette Street 1st Floor Conference Room

Date: December 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by Tom Coffin

Members in attendance: Flo Calore, Tom Coffin, Liz Ellis, Heather Hansson, Susan Jepson, Maureen Hickey, Maureen Howlett, and Judy Luciano

Motion to table the minutes for 11/6/2019 meeting made by Liz Ellis and Maureen Hickey

Financial Report

The Financial Report for: November 2019

- House Calls catering bill: \$705 for 90th Birthday celebration
- Additional donations received in memory of Edna Gilfeather, longtime Sr. Ctr attendee who recently passed.
- Total of \$770 in Donations for Nov. Boit Fund Balance: \$3608; total gift balance: \$7966
- Center stats for November: # of van rides were 170
- Meal #s for November are lower than in past, this is likely due to staff changes and estimating orders.

Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Maureen Hickey and seconded by Liz Ellis

Director's Report

- Eat local program featured breakfast on 11/15 by House Calls Catering
- Kara Showers from Board of Health provided a presentation to attendees
- Marianne Snow has provided recent classes on "Crafting with Mediation," this has been well attended. Judy will pursue grant \$\$ to have this be a regular activity.
- Judy will pursue a snow shoveling program to offer to seniors who may need this assistance.
- Two new programs coming:
 - Melrose-Wakefield Hospital will present a series of 4 presentations on various health promotion activities, the first will be Fall Prevention.
 - An orientation to the use of Uber will be provided by Brookline Council on Aging and tentatively scheduled for March.

Motion to accept Director's Report was made by Susan Jepson and seconded by Liz Ellis

A brief discussion was held regarding senior public housing in Wakefield and in MA in general. Maureen Hickey, (New ED, Town of Wakefield Housing Authority) reports that the wait list for Senior Housing can be up to 7 years.

Old Business

- Age Friendly update: Action plan development continues.

New Business

As noted in Director's report above

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:11 by Maureen Hickey and seconded by Maureen Howlett.

Respectfully Submitted: Florence Calore

Next meeting: March 4, 2020