

Senior Center Committee Minutes 2/9/16

Present: Theresa Eckstrom-Chair; Tom Cullinane; Chris Evans; Amy Waters; Patty Hainsworth.

Excused Absence: Gail Schuyler; Ursula Hanus.

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. The minutes of 1/12/16 were approved (m/s/a). The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday March 8th at 4 p.m. Tom noted that he will not be able to make that meeting.

Finances: Amy reported on the status of tax levy and COA funding and the committee reviewed planned expenditures for the remaining COA funds; There was discussion about the FY'17 budget process and the need for a Transportation Coordinator and a Senior Services Assistant for the Vietnamese Elder Program was noted; Amy also reported that the lease process with Fallon Health for the 3rd floor office is moving forward and a new potential developer is looking at the vacant 26 wing as a site for independent senior housing.

Operations: Patty reported that the paid part-time transportation monitor has decided to perform the duties as a volunteer instead, giving him more flexibility; Also reported was "hasty evacuation" planning, snow removal, kitchen equipment repairs, boarding up widows to make the vacant wing safer and preventive maintenance. Programs Patty reported on included: tax preparation, fitness challenge, guru self-defense, and the aging well series.

The committee members suggested that in addition to our funded programs making presentations at Commission meetings, it would be beneficial to have other elder service organizations and our staff make educational presentations at the meetings. Amy will arrange.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. (m/s/a)