

Manchester Council on Aging  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 8, 2025

Present: Steve Gillespie, Jane Metrano, George Nickless, Susan Poswistilo, Mary Hull, Mary Peart and SB Member John Round

Staff present: Nancy Hammond

Friends of COA present: Veronica Matthews

Steve called the meeting to order at 4:30.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted after one correction. Under "New Business", line one," The design of the new center is being finalized." should read "A request for architect proposals has been submitted."

Director's Report:

Activities for January and February were reviewed including a Chinese New Year Celebration to be catered by Gourmet Gardens, a cookie decorating workshop, a trip to the Rose Museum and lunch and a Delvina production and lunch at the Chapel.

The second retired van was picked up today. Our current van fleet is three in number.

The budget is in order, with expenditures to date being somewhat below amount budgeted, as is expected mid fiscal year. Expenditures will catch up by the end of the year.

Friend's Report:

Veronica reported that the Annual Fund Drive is now three months underway with receipt of 138 donations totaling thirteen thousand dollars to date. This is in line with last year's drive which brought in eighteen thousand dollars,

The Friend's sponsored Monday AM Coffee and Conversation continues to be well attended with several new people joining in this week.

The Friend's organization now consists of seventeen active members who meet monthly.

New Business:

John reported that the attorneys have finished their input regarding the condo contract with the Masons and it is now in the hands of the Masons Building Committee. Finalization is expected soon.

Fund raising plans involve hiring a professional who will work in combination with a local resident with some experience in fund raising. Susan Beckman has agreed to be the local and the choice of the pro should be finalized by the end of the month.

The Select Board, based on a request from the community, has submitted an application with CATA requesting transportation service for the town which would be a supplement to the COA van service. As the town already pays one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the MBTA for general transportation services there would not be any additional cost to the town.

In Memorium:

Lyle Coons  
Kathy Matthews

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

Next meeting: February 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Mary G Hull