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Minutes of the Belmont C.O.C. Board of Directors

Meeting January 5, 2015 at the Beech Street Center

Present: M. Cahalane, P. Schafer, E. Hamann, T. Olson, J. Semuels, J. Singler, C. Qiang-Lai, J. Staton and M. Scali

Absent: C. Bunyon and T. Dukas

1. Call to order by M. Cahalane, (chair) at 7:35 pm
2. Senior Concerns:-Nava reported that the Holiday Party had over 200 attendees and was a success. The Belmont Media is concerned about future technology needs of the Center (we have an antiquated sound system. They will work with Nava and take responsibility.
J. Staton requested that the COA Board endorse "Making a Difference in the Lives of Those in Need", a community event involving the Town **A motion was made and seconded to endorse the program.**
3. A review of the minutes of Dec. 1, 2014, T. Olson, Sec. will so amend.
4. Updates and Correspondence: J. Singler-for Springwell will talk to L. Saidnaway and J. Fines about Supportive Housing.
Nava will talk to Star-Shaw's Market about use of additional parking at the Pleasant Street side of their lot.
N. Niv-Vogel reported that after an incident at the Center for a 911 call the phone company will be looking into Public Safety at the Center.
Suggestion: a drill in an emergency for Fitness Room participants on a quarterly basis?

Friends: J. Semuels announced a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8th at 7pm at the Center. Plans for their newsletter will be discussed.

J. Singler-reported that there was no meeting-things are running smoothly.

Old Business: N. Niv-Vogel discussed parking at the Center. There are fewer offenders with new signage. Belderbus space has to be addressed. Seniors are parking in that space.

Report of the Facility Rental working Group-M. Cahalane

Over the past 4 years the Director of the COA and her staff have overseen growth of net receipts of rentals of the Center to over \$10,00 a year.

After discussion: **A motion was made and seconded: The Board accepts the proposal of the working group as amended.**

Budget: FY'16

The Director needs information to finalize personnel sheets and submit a narrative. The budget will be submitted to the B.O.S. in a month.

A future need is to add a part time PR person to work with a website, facebook etc. to reach the new senior population.

Needed an additional Social Worker to meet the growing need of Public Safety: Seniors hoarding, mental illness and substandard living.

A summer social worker will be requested. The Board has suggested that money from the rental receipts be used.

The Warrant Committee asked for an organization chart of the Center personnel. Budget is \$347,000 plus 4%.

Report of Working Group on Belmont Center Accessibility: J. Singler, T. Dukas, M. Scali and J. Semuels met with Glen Clancy. They discussed: handicap spaces; angle parking for senior; the bus bump out and loss of parking spaces. Mr. Clancy will take them under consideration.

Staff Luncheon will be held Feb. 6th or Feb. 27th. Next meeting is Feb. 2nd
E. Hamann will be recorder for next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

M. Scali, Recording Secretary