

BELMONT COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2003

The Chairman, Barbara Miranda, called meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.. Present were Ginny Falvey, Phyl Solomon, Ethel Hamman, John Bruschi, Joe Horner, Mary Lou Ahearn and Nava Niv-Vogel.

Nava introduced Fire Chief Osterhauser and Dave Frizzell, Assistant Fire Chief, who presented the donation of a defibrillator to the Belmont Senior Center from the Belmont Fire Department. They were applauded for a much needed piece of equipment to the Senior Center. Lt. DeMarco will train the staff in the use of the machine.

Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted.

Springwell There was no report from Springwell from the May meeting. Minutes will not be available for a week or so. A motion was made and adopted that reports from the previous month's meeting be used at next meeting. This will enable reporters to use the Springwell Board Meeting Minutes in their reports.

See Director's Report. Nava also reported that the Senate is approving level funding for grants for the coming year. Karen will be taking an additional unpaid week off plus the summer. The staff is looking forward to the appreciation lunch on Friday. Dr. Jim Ellison, head of the McLean Geriatric department, held a conference on helping people stay at home where Nava also gave a presentation. He said that McLean is thinking of having a day respite program to help families in Belmont. There is a great need for this type of help.

The Town I.T. staff person, Dave Petto, has begun to get the computers at the Senior Center networked but due to his time constraints the process is taking longer than anticipated. It will take a half-day for each computer to be networked. It was suggested that we try to get volunteer interns to help with this job.

The volunteer luncheon went very well and everyone felt appreciated and was surprised at the amount of money that they were valued at.

The Friends have \$12,000. Dollars in account of dues and gifts. Sandy Kendall donated \$1,000. The Fashion show idea needs to be voted on by the Friends of the COA board. Ann Howard has returned as treasurer.

In response to several questions about the Town operating budget Nava stated that a vote on the FY'04 budget will be held this coming Town Meeting in June.

Old Business Barbara Miranda reported on the draft of letter she sent to the newspaper. She asked for feedback from the Board and after making several revisions sent the final draft to Citizen. The editor called back to tell her that it was very good. She researched all reports to find statistics of how many people use the Senior Center each day, about 144, and about 1755 or 35% of population use the center. Friends will meet Wednesday at 5 p.m. to get lists of town meeting members to be called and rehearse what to say to them. Barbara has prepared a sheet of facts to help the callers.

Estelle Raffia made a list of people able to give large donations. A letter was sent to them and many were willing to give but would like to see the plans first before they commit any amount.

There was discussion of the status of the COA treasury.

Ginny Falvey is arranging a staff appreciation luncheon for 12 Noon, June 6, 2003. Menu will be Lasagna, fruit salad, noodle pudding and dessert.

In accordance with the COA by-laws the Chairman will name a nominating committee at the July meeting. Nominees will be named at the September meeting and elections will be held at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Lou Ahearn