

**Belmont Council on Aging
Board Meeting
September 10, 2012**

Attendance: J. Semuels, Chair. E. Hamann, S. Hammerlind, C-Q Lai, T. Olson, M. Scali, P. Schafer. N. Niv-Vogel, Director

Absent: M. Cahalane, V. DeNovellis, A. Morgan, A. Santoro-Mullin.

- Meeting called to order by the Chair at 7:35, p.m.

- New Members. New members Stacey Hammerlind and Chao-Qiang Lai were welcomed to the COA Board. Joel Semuels explained that the purpose of the COA Board was to provide oversight and advice to Nava and the COA staff, and to advocate for senior needs in town.

- 3 Senior Concerns. The daughter of an Indian senior was upset about the way in which certain aspects of a special Indian lunch were handled. Nava has spoken with her, about her concerns and have assured her that no lack of courtesy was intended by the volunteer server. Joel has offered to meet with her and Nava to discuss her concerns. She has also complained to Springwell.

- Minutes.
 - The procedures for taking and submitting minutes were reviewed. Dates were set for the 2012-2013 board meetings and board members volunteered to be recorders.
 - The minutes for the July 10th board meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

- d General Announcements. Covered under other sections of the agenda.

- e Updates and Announcements
 - 7 Director. In addition to the written report she had sent to board members, Director Niv-Vogel reported on the following:
 - 1 Meet Belmont went well but it would have been better if our table were with the other town departments. She will request this next year.
 - 1 Nava is planning to organize a forum on the ballot question dealing with assisted suicide.
 - 1 Nava has applied for a \$7,000 grant from Lahey Medical to help support our transportation services.
 - 1 New Town Administrator, David Kale, has visited the Beech Street Center. The Board asked that he be invited to a Board meeting.
 - 9 Nava has met with the Powers Music School to discuss the three concerts they will be giving at the Beech Street Center. These will be funded by Leader Bank and contributions by the Powers Music School faculty. In addition, there will be concerts given by Music School students.

- 1 Transportation Working Group Reviewed the Belmont transportation program and the objectives of the working group.
 - d Bocce Court. Maryann reported that it has been 2 weeks since the court was installed. As soon as a small paint job on the court is completed the court will be ready for people to play. All of the equipment has been donated and the cost of the installation was paid by the Friends of the COA. Maryann thanked them all for their generosity. One neighbor has expressed concerns about the potential noise and the look of the court.
 - j Friends of COA. Their annual meeting will be October 11. The Friends' concert with the Al Natale Swing Band, Sandi Bedrosian and Jim Bramante vocalists is Thursday, September 13.
 - e Springwell. Neil Hegarty submitted a written report: Springwell will move to new offices at 309 Waverley Oaks Road on September 24; the Interim Acting Director continues in that role while the search for a new Director continues; and Springwell continues to work with hospitals to develop discharge plans and programs for people 60 and older.
- 6 Old Business
- 7 Director's Evaluation. The evaluation developed at the July board meeting was reviewed. A copy of the evaluation has been hand delivered to the town's Director of HR by Joel.
- g New Business
- 7 Director's Goals for FY' 13. The board discussed Nava's draft goals for the 2012-2013 year. On a motion by Maryann Scali, seconded by Ethel Hamann, the board voted unanimously to approve these goals.
 - 1 New member Training. Information packets were provided to the two new board members. Joel and Nava will meet with them to answer their question. The new members will also take the on-line state ethics training.
 - d Nominating Committee. A nominating committee will be appointed at the October Board meeting. Nominations will be made at the November meeting, and elections at the December meeting. New officers will take office in January.
 - j Fitness Room. There are now 80 members, but the Fitness Room is not crowded. The board discussed opening up membership to residents of other towns who are frequent users of the Beech Street Center. The following motion was made by Maryann Scali and seconded by Ethel Hamann:
"Moved that the eligibility requirements for Beech Street Center Fitness Room Membership be changed by adding the following sentence:
For the next three months, up to 20 non-Belmont residents who are 60 years or older and who are already enrolled in a regular COA program or are a volunteer to the COA may become Fitness Room Members by meeting the other enrollment criteria."
Motion was approved unanimously.

The board also discussed the use of the money collected as Fitness Room membership fees. This money currently goes into a separate subaccount in the

Revolving Fund. On a motion by Penny Schafer, seconded by Stacey Hammerlind, the board unanimously approved the following motion:

“Moved that the Fitness Room revenues be spent only on expenses related to the Fitness Room, including: training fees, and maintenance and replacement of equipment.”

- e Beech Street Center and Up-coming Elections. During the November election, the Center will be closed for all COA programs. The lunch program will be moved to the All Saints Episcopal Church for the day. The COA staff will be able to use their offices and transportation will be provided as usual.
- 6 October Agenda. Ethel asked that the upkeep of the grounds be discussed at the October board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm. The next Board meeting will be Monday, October 1, 2012, at 7:30 pm in the Beech Street Center Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Schafer
September, 2012 Recorder