



COA Meeting Minutes September, 2018

- In attendance C. Brundige, J Cappe , J. Ciejka, C. Wloch, J. Zienowicz
- J. Ciejka called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
- Motion to accept July 2018 Minutes, Brundige, all in favor.

Comments and Concerns:

- Wloch stated that concerns involving the thrift store. She was told items were taken from the store without paying for the items. Zienowicz stated that he will look into the concerns and offered the explanation that when items are donated to the Senior Center some items are not fit for sale and are immediately disposed of, some are placed in holding for pricing and placement on the shelves and some are brought to other charitable organizations such as Big Brothers, Goodwill and Jubilee Cupboard if it is determined that those items will be better served by a different demographic. This process has been in place for several years as we do not have the space to store or display the volumes of items that are donated on a weekly basis.

New Business:

- Brundige suggested that the COA donate a gift certificate to a senior in need of clothing or household items. Prior to distributing the gift certificate the COA should approve the gift card. Motion Ciejka, all in favor.
- Lunch policy changes have been received well and the new program has helped the bottom line already in the first month. Zienowicz reviewed the pre-pay policy and wanted to discuss how volunteers are affected by the changes. A decision on the matter was tabled to the October meeting.
- Zienowicz explored feedback on the renaming/rebranding of the Senior Center to the Mary Elizabeth Kaltner Senior Activity Center. The renaming will project a more positive image of the building as a vibrant place for seniors to engage in social activities and healthy lifestyle programming. The COA agreed that further discussion was needed and tabled the topic to the October meeting.
- Ciejka asked to address the open vacancies on the COA at the October meeting.
- Zienowicz informed the COA that Maire Brigid Bresnahan is enrolled in a certification course that will eventually allow her access to the MassHealth portal which will expedite health insurance enrollments and allow her to follow all cases in a timely manner.
- Motion to adjourn 10:55am – Ciejka, all in favor

Next meeting: October 16th, 2018 9AM

Carol Brundige: Recorder