



TOWN OF HOLDEN MASSACHUSETTS

COUNCIL ON AGING

Louise Charbonneau
Director

HOLDEN COUNCIL ON AGING Thursday, September 5, 2019 Conference Room – Senior Center

Present: Susan Sullivan, Richard Mansfield, Wayne Howard, Faye Ellis, Maureen Locke, Eric Johansen, Stephanie Bacon, Louise Charbonneau, Maureen Buffone.

Non-Member: Cindy Mason.

The Meeting was called to order by Susan Sullivan at 8:00 a.m.
The minutes from the meeting of June 6, 2019 were unanimously approved.

F.H.C.O.A. REPORT

Faye reported the Friends account balances as follows:

Leominster Credit Union	\$22,104.46
Leominster Credit Union (furnishings acct.)	\$ 1,860.23
Leominster Credit Union C.D.	\$26,105.78
LCU Trip Account	\$ 7,951.15

Faye also reported that the accountant has filed the state and federal taxes. There was a filing fee of \$25.00 and the accountant's fee was \$1,000.00.

HELP AT H.O.M.E. REPORT

Report not received from accountant.

BOARD OF ELDER SERVICES REPORT ~ Richard Mansfield

Rick reported that Maureen Siergie is retiring from her position as Executive Director of Elder Services of Worcester at the end of the year.

It has been a quiet summer. The investment committee that Rick serves on did not meet over the summer.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ~ Louise Charbonneau

JULY EVENTS

Thursday, July 4 ... Senior Center Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Monday, July 8 ... Free Legal Clinic w/Attorney Arthur Bergeron

Wednesday, July 10 ... Coffee with the Veterans' Agent, Brad Sherblom

Monday, July 15 ... Morocco in Pictures w/Ron Rosenstock

Thursday, July 18 ... Book Discussion Group Impossible Saints by Clarissa Harwood

AUGUST EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6 ... Distribution of Farmers Market Coupons

Monday, August 12 ... Wachusett Community Band Concert

Wednesday, August 14 ... Annual Cookout

Thursday, August 15 ... Book Discussion Group ... Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict

Monday, August 19 ... An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt

Thursday, August 22 ... The Main Event Concert w/Bill Sbrogna

Saturday, August 24 ... Friends of HCOA Indoor Flea Market for Holden Days

Wednesday, August 28 ... Happiness is Chocolate w/John Goodhile from Stewart's Chocolate

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Monday, September 9 ... Free Legal Clinic w/Attorney Arthur Bergeron ... 10:30-12:15

Monday, September 16 ... The Women Who Loved Hitler w/Margaret Watson ... 1:00 ... Adolph Hitler is known for his twisted politics and the cruel war which began in Europe eighty (80) years ago this month. Yet he attracted women from all over the world who desired to be his special someone. In this presentation, largely based on information secretly obtained by the U.S. government, we will examine the personalities and tragic lives of the women who loved Hitler and discover some little-known aspects involving Hitler's private life.

Wednesday, September 18 ... Country & Western Concert w/Rusty Guertin ... 1:00

Thursday, September 19 ... Book Discussion Group ... 10:00 The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff
... Let's Do Lunch ... 11:30 ... Val's Restaurant ... We've had a request to start a monthly lunch group. We will be going out to lunch monthly on the 3rd Thursday. The place will be listed in the newsletter each month. So to get things started, we are setting up a lunch at Val's, 75 Reservoir St., on *Thursday, September 19th at 11:30 a.m.* Each person will order their lunch from the menu and will be responsible for their own check. For this particular lunch we are limited to 20 guests so to make your reservation, please call Eileen Gedraitis at 508-829-3679. Bon Appetite!

... Pen Pal Party ... 2:00 ... Mayo School, 351 Bullard Street

Monday, September 23 ... Music Is Love Concert w/Dick & Dawn Kelly ... 1:00

Wednesday, September 25 ... Pumpkullent Workshop w/Tina Bemis ... 1:00 ... Decorating a pumpkin in a new way!! Hot glue a selection of succulent cuttings onto our secret base that slips over the stem of your pumpkin. Next spring, plant it into your garden and grow your own succulents! Class size is limited so register early! Cost for this class is \$10.00

WITH PRIDE AND RESPECT

The Holden Senior Center and Town of Holden is pleased to offer "Combat Parking" for some of our veterans. There are an estimated 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients, combat wounded service members who have transitioned back into civilian life. They have made great sacrifices to ensure our freedoms but often go unrecognized. Wounded Warriors Family Support's founder, Colonel John Folsom, decided to change that. Wounded Warriors Family Support offers combat Wounded Parking Signs to establishments as a way of honoring and recognizing these veterans. There are two parking spaces at town buildings. Obviously, one here, the other is at the Town Hall/Starbard Building.

MCOA CONFERENCE

The MCOA's Annual Conference is being held Wednesday, October 2-Friday, October 4 at the Double Tree Boston North Shore in Danvers. Louise and Maureen have already registered. Anyone interested in attending for a day or more is welcome and can be registered as well. The workshops that are being offered can be viewed on the MCOA website at www.mcoasonline.com.

NUMBERS FROM JULY AND AUGUST

Morocco in Pictures w/Ron Rosenstock – 41

Coffee with the Veterans Agent – 24

An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt – 52

The Main Event Concert – 31

Wachusett Community Band Concert – 41

Happiness is Chocolate - 46

Annual Cookout - 101

Farmers Market Coupons – 25 recipients

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on the survey will resume. Wayne pointed out that the overwhelming response was positive, and the discussion should start from the position of the strengths instead of weakness. The senior center is doing so many great things. The board should bring their copies of the report to the next meeting and plan on an extended period of discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was an issue over the summer with the piano teacher objecting to the senior center's request to charge the piano teacher a nominal fee for use of the building. He, along with his students, contacted a member of the HCOA board to voice their displeasure. There is a nominal fee charged to independent contractors who come to us and charge their students for classes. The board voted to support the building use policy as written with the addition of day time class fees.

A quote was received from National Van Builders in Attleboro for a replacement van comparable to the one we have for \$49,790.00. A van similar to the blue WRTA van would cost approximately \$56,000.00, and a quote of \$75,000.00 was received from a dealer in Haverhill for the same. Rick will speak with one of the Oriol brothers to see if they would be willing to once again contribute \$20,000.00 to the cost of the van. If Oriol signs on, then Wayne will ask Cindy Stark to put it on the agenda for the Friend's meeting to match the \$20,000.00 contribution.

CITIZENS ADDRESS

Cindy Mason attended the meeting to inform the board that the Grange experienced some of the parking lot lights out at night. Louise will call the light department. It was unclear as to what particular lights were out.

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Buffone