

COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2022

MINUTES

Present: J. Fuller-Jones, D. Andrews, C. DeLorey, C. Reichenberg, R. Graham, M. James, H. Soones, L. Green, P. Beckner

Absent: D. Clague, I. Clague

Minutes of 11-7-22 approved

Director's Report: Christina had a baby girl (Dahlia) on Sunday and both are doing well, Ruthie has been extremely busy with fuel assistance applications, open enrollment has aided 325 people, December 19th is the meet and greet with M. Morris (Chief Procurement Officer), University of MA will be conducting a needs assessment survey for seniors in the city, the Council on Aging ((COA) will remain the Mary Cruise Kennedy Senior Center but a new name will be considered instead of COA and suggestions are needed, Parkinson's support group would like new additional members from the surrounding areas

Building expansion – Project Manager is Dan Pallotta who is doing a great job, the COA will probably be moving to the Shaw's Center during construction which should begin in early 2023, volunteers will be needed to help pack up the current COA, programing will be cut back during construction, the player piano can be donated and anyone interested should call the COA, new plans call for a new kitchen and possible café, suggestion for other changes are solicited

Michelle's Report: DBA had a successful Holiday Parade, Friends of the COA had 2 tables to sell their wares, Next Parkinson 's support group will be Jan 6th and again on Jan 30th then the last Friday of each month (all are welcome), if schools are closed due to snow the COA will be closed

Lauren's Report: Open enrollment is almost closed, Senior Tax Work Off is still open, snow shoveling is being organized for seniors requiring assistance if there is 4" or more of snow, shovelers are paid by the home owner, call the COA for help

Volunteer dinner and Veteran's breakfast were a success

Next meeting will be January 9, 2023